

# BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT APPLICATION

## For Fiscal Year 2022

<p>Primary Applicant (Name and Address):</p> <p>MH Telecom, LLC d/b/a MHTC 305 N Iowa St Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533</p>	<p>Applications MUST be UPLOADED to ERF via the Commission's website, <a href="http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF_upload/content/mymenu.aspx">http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF_upload/content/mymenu.aspx</a>. Refer to section 2.3 for detailed instructions.</p> <p>Applications are due and MUST be uploaded to ERF no later than: <b>March 17, 2022</b> at 4:00pm (16:00) Central Time. <b>Late applications will not be accepted.</b></p>
	<p>Contact for further information: <a href="mailto:PSCStatebroadbandoffice@wisconsin.gov">PSCStatebroadbandoffice@wisconsin.gov</a></p>
	<p>Date: December 1, 2021</p>
<p>The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is seeking applications for Broadband Expansion Grants. The Commission may award one or more grants during Fiscal Year 2022 to public and private entities that meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. § 196.504. This grant round will be funded with bond proceeds authorized by the Wisconsin Building Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 13.48(30). As such, successful applicants are subject to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 13.48(30). Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear and achievable plan to improve broadband communications services in one or more underserved areas in the State.</p>	
<p><b>Applicant Certification:</b> In signing this application, the undersigned verifies under penalty of perjury that the Applicant and its employees and agents have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement or participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition with respect to this application; that no attempt has been made to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an application; that this application has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other proposer, competitor or potential competitor; that this application has not been knowingly disclosed prior to the opening of applications to any other applicant or competitor; that all of the responses and representations of Applicant in this application are true and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief; and that Applicant agrees to, accepts, and will comply with all of the terms and conditions respecting this application and any award of a broadband expansion grant as may be established in a grant award Agreement.</p>	
<p>Name of Authorized Representative (Type or Print)</p> <p>John Van Ooyen</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>CEO/General Manager</p>
<p>Signature of Authorized Representative</p> <p><i>John Van Ooyen</i></p>	<p>Phone (    )</p> <p>(608) 437-5551</p>
	<p>Date</p> <p>March 17th, 2022</p>

## SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATION

Primary Applicant Name MH Telecom, LLC	Amount of Broadband Grant Request (round to nearest dollar) \$5,979,300
Federal Employer Identification No. 39-1909951	Amount of Matching Funds Pledged (round to nearest dollar) \$1,993,100
Contact Name and Title John Van Ooyen, CEO/General Manager	Total Cost of Proposed Project (round to nearest dollar) \$7,972,400
Telephone Number (608) 437-5551	Project Name MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North
E-mail Address(es) <a href="mailto:John.vanooyen@mhtcinc.com">John.vanooyen@mhtcinc.com</a>	Type of Proposed Broadband Service (FTTH, Cable, DSL, etc.) FTTH
Grant Manager, if different than Primary Applicant	Type of Proposed Project (Last-mile, Middle-Mile, backbone, other) Last-Mile
Grant Manager Contact Name	Grant Manager Email Address and Telephone Number
If the application proposes a public-private partnership, list the names, addresses, and FEINs of the partner companies or organizations  County of Iowa, 222 N. Iowa St., Dodgeville, WI 53533, FEIN: 39-6005701 Town of Brigham, 407 Business ID., Barneveld, WI 53507, FEIN: 39-6007914	
Brief Project Description (2 sentences) The MHTC grant project, as a public-private partnership, will construct a FTTH XGS-PON network to the un/underserved areas in Iowa and Dane Counties. The FTTH project will deliver FTTH improving broadband access to 452 rural locations.	
Maximum Proposed Download Transmission Speed 1 Gbps	Maximum Proposed Upload Transmission Speed 1 Gbps
Minimum Proposed Download Speed to Customer Location 100 Mbps	Minimum Proposed Upload Transmission Speed to Customer Location 100 Mbps
County or Counties served by this project Iowa County	Community or Communities served by this project Town of Brigham, Town of Arena

List of the broadband service providers, if any, currently serving the area the applicant proposes to serve	
Frontier Communications	
Does proposed project serve an <u>unserved</u> area of the State, as defined in <a href="#">Section 1.4</a> of the application instruction? (yes/no) Yes	Is the Applicant certified as a Broadband Forward! Community or Telecommuter Forward! Community, or does the grant project propose to serve a Broadband Forward! Community or Telecommuter Forward! Community? (yes/no) Yes
For last mile projects or component the expected number of Business Locations that will have access to the improved broadband service (i.e., total business locations passed or with new service access). 25	For last mile projects or components the expected number of Residential Locations that will have access to the improved broadband service (i.e., total residential locations passed or with new service access). 427
Of the improved business locations, how many locations are <i>unserved</i> ? 8	Of the improved residential locations, how many are <i>unserved</i> ? 122
For providers that are eligible telecommunications carriers will the proposed broadband service be available to Lifeline customers? (yes/no) Yes	Are there any programs available for low-income households to access low-cost service or discounts? (yes/no) Yes
Is the internet service provider currently participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program? (yes/no) Yes	Is the internet service provider currently participating in the Department of Public Instruction and CESA purchasing's Digital Learning Bridge? (yes/no) Yes
Did the internet service provider participate in the Public Service Commission's voluntary Broadband Coverage Data Collection in 2021? (yes/no) No	

## FY22 Broadband Expansion Grant Application

### Budget & Income Summary



Please complete this form using Microsoft Excel. A PDF copy must be attached to your application as page four. In addition, this form must also be uploaded to ERF in Excel format.

### Grant Summary

Grant Applicant:	Project:
MH Telecom, LLC	MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North

### Budget

Line:	Description / Category:	Grant Funds:	Match:	Total:
1	Contractual, Consultant Fees	\$ 5,172,675.00	\$ 1,724,225.00	\$ 6,896,900.00
2	Equipment	\$ 146,850.00	\$ 48,950.00	\$ 195,800.00
3	Supplies	\$ 56,925.00	\$ 18,975.00	\$ 75,900.00
4	Labor (Salary, Fringe)	\$ 127,125.00	\$ 42,375.00	\$ 169,500.00
5	Permitting, Licensing Fees	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
6	Travel			\$ -
7	Other	\$ 466,725.00	\$ 155,575.00	\$ 622,300.00
Total:		\$ 5,979,300.00	\$ 1,993,100.00	\$ 7,972,400.00
25.0% match requested				

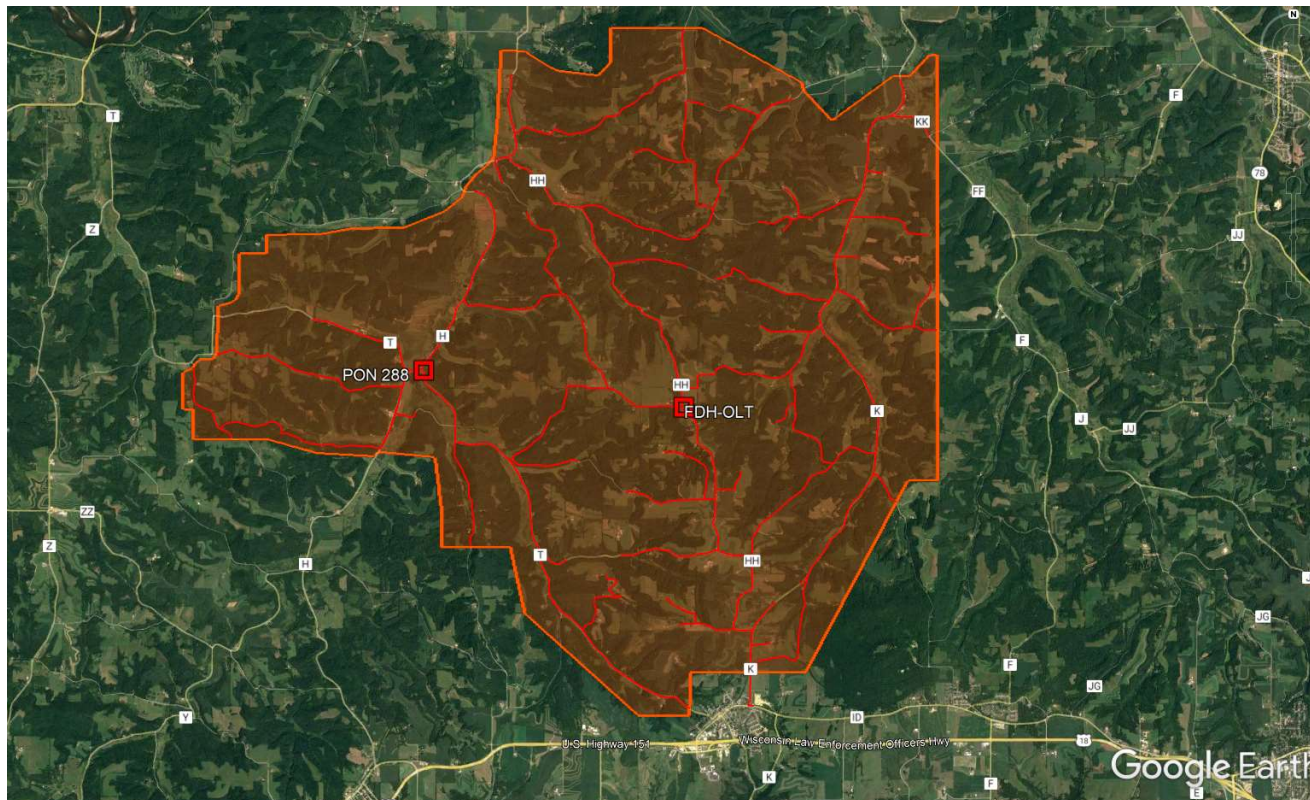
### Pledged Contributions

#:	Entity:	Entity Type:	Pledge Type:	Pledge:
1	MH Telecom, LLC	Applicant	Cash	\$ 1,309,325.65
2	County of Iowa	Partner	Cash	\$ 597,930.00
3	Town of Brigham	Partner	Cash	\$ 85,844.35
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10				
Total:				\$ 1,993,100.00



### **3.2.2 Description of the Project**

#### **a. Static Map**



#### **b. Demonstrate Actual Service Available**

MHTC identified 42 locations on the Wisconsin Public Broadband Map that were located in the shaded area depicted as being served. Appendix A included with this application submission serves to demonstrate the actual service available. Specifically, eight (8) of the residential locations that are depicted as served on the Wisconsin Broadband Map have provided letters stating that broadband service is not available at their locations and provided actual speed(s) available. An additional eighteen (18) locations indicated as served are actually underserved as the second provider listed is MHTC and the locations in question are heavily wooded with significant tree cover that prevents the transmission of the fixed broadband service, actual examples and mapping material depicting this is also part of Appendix A. The remaining sixteen locations show combinations of Frontier, Bug Tussel and T-Mobile as the providers however Frontier's website depicts service not available at all but two of these locations and Bug Tussel and T-Mobile are both fixed wireless providers and in all likelihood are in the same situation as MHTC and unable to provide broadband services in this heavily wooded proposed service area. As a result of this research all 42 locations are being included as underserved.

### **c. Explanation of Proposed Project**

MH Telecom, LLC., d/b/a MHTC (“MHTC”) submits this grant application for a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband expansion located in the rural area northeast of Dodgeville and north of the Village of Barneveld in Iowa County in the amount of \$5,979,300 which is 75% of the project’s \$7,972,400 total cost. MHTC in collaboration with its public-private partners will contribute \$1,993,100 (25% match) to the project. This last mile project will initially benefit 452 locations in the un/underserved quadrant of Iowa county flanked on the east by WI Highway 78, west by WI Highway 23, and north and south by U.S. Highways 14 and 18. These locations include 122 unserved households, 305 underserved households, 8 unserved businesses, and 17 underserved businesses. Included in the underserved counts are 2 business and 40 residential customers that are showing in areas depicted as served on the Wisconsin Broadband map however MHTC has speed test letters and supporting documentation for these locations to support they are not able to receive broadband service.

The FTTH packages avail are:

- 300Mbps/300Mbps      \$59.99
- 600Mbps/600Mbps      \$79.99
- 1Gbps/1Gbps            \$99.99
- 2Gbps/2Gbps            \$149.99

The 1Gbps FTTH package is a “Price for Life” rate that is not subject to change and each of the package prices include the router and in home Wifi.

The 452 locations in the proposed project area (“MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North”), north of the Village of Barneveld, as with many parts of the state, are un/underserved by the current communications provider. The MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North project area is rural, and sparsely populated with permanent locations predominantly comprised of family farms and homes. Although rural these locations still have needs for access to telehealth, remote learning, and the ability to work remotely and these needs are inhibited and, in many cases, completely prohibited as a result of the lack of access to broadband. This access was critical during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to be critical as the rural community in the proposed project area attempts to recovery economically.

### **d. Proposed Project Infrastructure Type**

MHTC’s proposed project is a last mile infrastructure project with FTTH design constructed over forward looking fiber facilities.

### **e. Description Broadband Technology**

The technology that will be used for the project is FTTH, provisioned via a buried fiber network utilizing a 10 Gigabit (Gbps) symmetrical passive optical network (XGS-PON) system which will include: integration of fiber optic cable to the premise from the central office or a remote cabinet location, OLT and associated XGS-PON system electronics located in the central office and remote cabinet locations, centralized splitter cabinets with associated splitters for each designated PON area, and optical network terminal (ONT) equipment at the subscriber premise. The FTTH and XGS-PON network for this project will be capable of simultaneously serving all 452 locations in the project area with initial 1 Gbps speeds that can be scaled to meet future demands. The FTTH network will tie back to MHTC’s existing network maximizing efficiencies and capitalizing on the network monitoring and redundancy mechanisms in place for existing FTTH network equipment and subscribers.

### **g. Project Schedule**

<b><u>Project Timeline</u></b>	<b>Project Phase Target Dates</b>							
<b><u>Project Objectives and Activities</u></b>	<b>Year 1</b>				<b>Year 2</b>			
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
<b>Project Planning and pre-engineering</b>	X							
<b>Ordering and Staging Equipment</b>	X	X						
<b>Electronics Installation, Set-up, and Testing</b>		X	X					
<b>Construction: bury mainline and distribution fiber, and OSP splicing</b>	X	X	X	X				
<b>Install drop-fiber and electronics, and testing at Subscriber locations</b>			X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Digital Literacy and Community Outreach</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

### **3.2.3 Itemized Budgets**

MHTC has provided a project budget in the Budget and Income Summary, reference page 4 of this application.

The MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North project to build a FTTH network to all 452 un/underserved locations totals \$7,972,400, which includes the company and public-private partners 25% funds match. MHTC's public-private partners are contributing a combined \$683,774.35 as stated in the budget and income summary, as well as in the pledge resolutions provided by the County of Iowa and Town of Brigham which are included with this application, and MHTC is contributing \$1,309,325.65 and includes a Letter of Interest from RTFC as support of its pledged funds. MHTC has provided the costs for FTTH drops, Optical Network Terminals (ONT) and professional services that are required to manage and document the FTTH build.

The MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North project budget total costs is primarily derived from the purchase, plowing, splicing, and boring of fiber facilities and accounts for \$6,896,900 of the total project. The XGS-PON, OLT, and ONT electronic equipment accounts for \$271,700, and installation labor and permitting and contingencies make up the remaining \$803,800. As shown in the Budget and Income Summary, MHTC is planning to use the grant funds solely for the purpose of constructing a FTTH network in order to provide broadband to the un/underserved locations in the proposed project area. The facilities constructed by MHTC for the proposed project area would be owned and maintained by MHTC.

MHTC affirms that the grant, if awarded, will not subsidize the expenses of a telecommunications provider or the monthly bills of telecommunications customers. All grant funds requested in this application will be used for the sole purposes of constructing and implementing the proposed broadband infrastructure described in this application.

Price list of project materials:

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Detailed Cost Estimates  
IOWA COUNTY Portion

<u>Electronics</u>			<u>Ext. Cost</u>
Blue Mounds C.O. E7 OLT port addtns			\$ 17,600
XGS PON blade(s) in FDH-PON cabinet			13,400
ONT units	452 ea @	350	158,200
Electronics Installation & misc. hardware			3,000
Commercial power & site wiring			2,800
Engineering			800
	Sub-total		<u>\$ 195,800</u>

<u>Outside Plant</u>	<u>Quantities</u>	<u>unit cost</u>	<u>Ext. Cost</u>
BFOI 288	6,100 Ft @	3.23	19,700
BFOI 144	74,490 Ft @	2.21	164,620
BFOI 96	103,420 Ft @	1.88	194,430
BFOI 48	116,980 Ft @	1.52	177,810
BFOI 24	137,720 Ft @	1.39	191,430
BFOI 12	40,458 Ft @	1.33	53,810
4-fiber/ 1.0"ID	334,480 Ft @	3.34	1,117,160
Road & driveway boring	32,890 Ft @	12.50	411,130
BFOV 2" Plowed duct	5,980 Ft @	4.82	28,820
BFOV 1.25" Plowed duct	463,800 Ft @	4.08	1,892,300
BDO-5 Fiber pedestal	249 ea.	350	87,150
BDO-7 Fiber pedestal	48 ea.	485	23,280
BHF 3048 Hand-hole	71 ea.	1100	78,100
BHF 2436 Hand-hole	43 ea.	885	38,060
Splice closures	132 ea. @	575	75,900
BM71 Rock trenching	70,500 Ft	19.00	1,339,500
BDS-PON (288) PON cabinet	1 ea. @	9500	9,500
BDS-OLT Electronics & PON cabinet	1 ea. @	26500	26,500
HO-1 splicing Fusion splicing/termination	3500 fibers @	32.00	112,000
Service installs	452 locations	375	169,500
Permitting			12,000
Contingencies (10%)			622,300
Company OH & Engineering			931,600
	Sub-total		<u>\$ 7,776,600</u>
	Total - estimate		<u>\$ 7,972,400</u>

### **3.2.4 Priority Factors Supporting the Application**

#### **a. Matching Funds**

MHTC does commit to contributing matching funds to this grant project. The matching funds commitment is firm, and substantiation is supplied as the Letter of Interest by RTFC bank as issued to MHTC included with this application. Additionally, MHTC's public private partners are committing matching funds, Iowa County Resolution No. 8-322 declares their funding commitment and the Town of Brigham commits funds in the public private partnership agreement. The funding commitment documents are all provided as supplemental documents at the end of the submitted application document.

#### **b. Public-Private Partnerships**

MHTC has also entered into Public Private Partnerships with the County of Iowa (“Iowa County”) and Town of Brigham for the proposed grant project area. The MHTC and Iowa County and MHTC and Town of Brigham partnerships will facilitate the development of broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within the County boundaries to support economic development and deliver broadband to rural families for business, educational and telecommuting opportunities by addressing existing service disparities. MHTC and its public private partners are committed and working diligently on a long-term partnership which will promote FTTH and improved broadband access throughout Iowa County. While MHTC, Iowa County, and Town of Brigham are all contributing matching funds to the project, the Capital Investment required to construct the FTTH network is costly, and grant funding is also required to create a financially viable business model. The executed public private partnership documents, Iowa County Resolution No. 7-322, and Town of Brigham North are provided as supplemental documents at the end of the submitted application document.

MHTC, is proposing to deliver a sustainable and forward looking FTTH broadband project while offering affordable rates and participating in programs to allow low-income subscribers to receive additional discounts. If funding is awarded, the proposed project will pass locations offering broadband and speeds exceeding those historically required by the Wisconsin Grant Program.

### **c. Existing Broadband Service**

The entire proposed project area meets the definition of un/underserved as defined by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in the Application Guide definitions.

The list of broadband providers reporting to provide broadband in portions of the proposed project area include, 1) Wireline: Frontier, 2) Fixed Wireless: Bug Tussel, United States Cellular Corporation, T-Mobile, 3) Satellite: Viasat, VSAT Systems, LLC, and 4) Mobile: AT&T Mobility and U.S. Cellular Corporation.

MHTC utilized the Wisconsin Broadband Map as the basis for determining eligible locations and as a means of verifying broadband availability, or lack thereof. Additionally, MHTC requested and received speed test data and letters from residents and businesses within the proposed project area further asserting and substantiating that broadband is not available from the provider(s) listed. MHTC does have 42 project locations included that are depicted as served in the Wisconsin Broadband Map however, Appendix A includes the supporting data that the areas are underserved. Specifically, eight (8) of the residential locations that are depicted as served on the Wisconsin Broadband Map have provided letters stating that broadband service is not available at their locations and provided actual speed(s) available. An additional eighteen (18) locations indicated as served are actually underserved as the second provider listed is MHTC and the locations in question are heavily wooded with significant tree cover that prevents the transmission of the fixed broadband service, actual examples and mapping material depicting this is also part of Appendix A. The remaining sixteen locations show combinations of Frontier, Bug Tussel and T-Mobile as the providers however Frontier’s website depicts service not available at all but two of these locations and Bug Tussel and T-Mobile are both fixed wireless providers and in all likelihood are in the same situation as MHTC and unable to provide broadband services in this heavily wooded proposed service area. As a result of this research all 42 locations are being included as underserved.

### **d. Project Impact**

The MHTC-Town of Brigham Iowa County North project will have a significant impact for the residential and business subscribers located in the area providing broadband speeds of up to 1 Gbps to all FTTH locations in the project area. The proposed Fiber project would provide broadband services to those

that struggle to access the internet for working remote, remote learning, access to telemedicine, and e-commerce at speeds of up to 1 Gbps delivered simultaneously to all locations. The broadband packages available include

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The 1Gbps FTTH package is a “Price for Life” rate that is not subject to change and each of the package prices include the router and in home Wifi.

MHTC’s proposed project will assist the rural communities to recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing affordable high-speed fiber broadband to these areas that lack sufficient access to broadband. The project will also ensure all rural residents in the proposed project areas have equitable access to qualified broadband. Historically, access to broadband was a benefit; however, the COVID-19 pandemic has made access to qualified broadband a necessity for locations in the area as the shelter-in-place requirement imposed by School Boards, businesses and local Governments dictated learning via remote access, working remotely, and medical facilities opting for telemedicine virtual visits over in-person for routine medical treatment.

#### **e. Scalability**

MHTC’s technology that will be used for the project is FTTH, provisioned via a buried fiber network utilizing a 10 Gigabit (Gbps) symmetrical passive optical network (XGS-PON) system. The number of users that can be initially added are the full 452, with room for expansion with the simple addition of electronic equipment. The system as installed is forward looking as it is capable of delivering 10Gbps while most other providers current maximum available is 1Gbps. Electronics can be upgraded or replaced in the future to meet additional bandwidth demand requirements. Additionally, the fiber loop plant and cabinets installed for this proposed project area will have capacity for spare fiber and in the hardware to allow for area growth and addition of new subscribers to the area.

#### **f. Economic Development**

MHTC’s proposed project will promote job growth, retention and expand the property tax base in the proposed project area. Specifically providing broadband will allow new businesses to move to the Barneveld area, serve as a retention tool for small business owners considering moving away from the area as a means of obtaining the much-needed broadband connectivity for their operations, and help family and new businesses capitalize on opportunities that broadband connectivity will afford them. These are not theoretical examples as MHTC is summarizing below letters received from business owners substantiating these claims. The summarized letters are included in their entirety in Appendix B of this application.

Letter 47-Signal 88 Security – the Marshall’s own 82 acres located at 5549 Blue Ridge Rd. Barneveld, WI 53507. They purchased this property last fall with the intention is to build a permanent residence on this property and hoping to move the administrative functions of their businesses to this property as well. Presently the property has no access to high-speed internet service. Access to high-speed internet is critically important to the day-to-day operation of their businesses. The Marshall’s own three companies, currently headquartered in Ohio. All three of these organizations could potentially be headquartered from

their property on Blue Ridge Road if they had access to reliable high speed internet services. While the vast majority of their employees work remotely, relocating the headquarters to Wisconsin would provide tax revenue from all three of our entities to the township/county/state. Collectively the businesses are on track to generate \$7.5M in revenue in 2022. The businesses have seen almost 150% growth in revenue year over year in the past 4 years and that trend seems unlikely to change. Lack of broadband to the Marshall's property prevents this economic development and revenue influx to the proposed project area.

Letter 02-A. Alan – shares the economic disadvantage of running a small business while lacking access to high-speed broadband with imposed data-caps. Alan's business is reliant upon being able to upload and stream video, conduct video conference meetings, download, and send large files of information, and other functions which require a lot of data, tasks that are impossible complete many days and especially if the other family members also work or attend school remotely. Further sharing that the ideal rural living falls when lack of broadband is hampering the ability run and or expand his business.

Letter 09-Circle Sanctuary, Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve & Circle Cemetery – does not have sufficient broadband access to conduct daily business activities such as email, website updates, video conferencing and meeting, bookkeeping, and accounting functions, online banking, hosting and or attending virtual education sessions, conducting family counseling and telehealth via Zoom, and hosting online streaming of weddings and or funerals. The inability to complete daily business tasks places economic restraints on Circle Sanctuary prohibiting growth or expansion which would bring additional job opportunities and revenues to the area.

Letter 13-E. Lewis – needs access to broadband to run his farm in addition to providing broadband access for his rental property. The existing provider's service is inadequate, speed test reflecting download of just over 1Mbps, and as a result Lewis has experienced loss of rental property income as no tenant is willing to rent at his location due to the lack of connectivity. Lewis also shares that the increase of technology-based businesses in the Madison area have the potential to bring additional tenants to the area, but the lack of broadband negates that potential for economic development.

Letter 17-Gaffney Family Cattle – is reliant upon their broadband connection to broadcast the live cattle sale and has been aggressively shopping for internet and communications solutions for the past 14-years so they can sustain and grow the business. Gaffney cites access to broadband is critical and with the negligible current speeds has an economic impact of \$150,000, with access to reliable high-speed broadband this number would increase significantly.

Letter 33-T. Liebmann – needs access to broadband to be able to promote and rent their guesthouse on Airbnb. The area is a prime tourist destination situated between Blue Mound State Park, Barneveld Prairie State Natural Area, and other parks but while the tourism industry is about getting away from it all, ironically that does not mean a lack of broadband access is acceptable. The lack of broadband and inability to market and rent properties is a loss of revenues for the local economy.

#### **g. Effect Upon Broadband Service to Adjacent Areas**

MHTC's proposed project will not impair the ability of a broadband service provider or competing broadband service provider to extend broadband service to areas adjacent to the proposed project area. MHTC does not have any exclusive easement or ROW contracts in place.

### **3.2.5 Other Information Supporting the Application**

#### **a. Applicant's History**



MHTC, a Wisconsin based corporation, is certified by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (“Commission”) as an Alternative Telecommunications Utility to provide telecommunications service in Wisconsin. MHTC is a 100% owned affiliate of Mount Horeb Telephone Company (“Company”) also a Wisconsin corporation certified by the Commission as an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (“ILEC”) to provide telecommunications service in Wisconsin. MHTC’s parent company, Mount Horeb Telephone Company has been providing telecommunications service in its designated ILEC territory since 1919 and internet access since 1995.

MHTC has been providing voice and broadband services to the locations in Dodgeville since November 2001. MHTC has been working diligently since 2006 to replace copper plant facilities and transition the broadband facilities to all be provisioned over fiber to the home (“FTTH”). MHTC is committed to being a strong partner and displaying community involvement while continually upgrading equipment and offerings to provide the optimal technology to connect rural clients.

In 2021, MHTC was recognized as being a Smart Rural Community and Gig-Certified provider by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA). This means our network was tested and was certified capable of speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps). The road to a Smart Rural Community (SRC) starts with collaboration between rural broadband providers and forward-thinking community members. The NTCA Smart Rural Community program celebrates the commitment of these individuals to drive growth and create opportunities within their communities. Robust broadband networks built by SRC providers power economic development, effective education, state-of-the-art health care and so much more.



MHTC has a history of building broadband networks capable of delivering the bandwidth promised and honoring commitments to build the networks in rural Wisconsin that are comparable to, or in some cases better than, the broadband available in urban areas.

#### **b. Proposed Project Will Not Duplicate Existing Broadband Infrastructure**

MHTC’s proposed project will not duplicate existing broadband infrastructure as the proposed project area is currently un/underserved and lacking adequate infrastructure.

#### **c. Description of Applicant’s Financial Ability to Undertake the Project**

MHTC’s Parent Company has been in business since 1919 and has built and maintained their network through the years with the use of internal staffing and resources. It is this same experienced staff that will be undertaking the proposed project. MHTC has an internal customer support team and also partners with



a Network Operations Center with trained staff that manage and monitor our networks 24/7/365. MHTC offers a managed SmartGuard home Wi-Fi service to all our Broadband customers. MHTC's network management includes conducting remote checks, monitoring vendor releases, software updates, and maintaining network security and performance for all our customers that subscribe to our Broadband service. MHTC's experienced broadband staff consults, builds, installs, and provides support 24/7/365 through our trained local staff.

MHTC's parent company has been providing state of the art telecommunications services in its designated ILEC territory since 1919 and internet access since 1995 and MHTC has been providing service in Dodgeville, WI Iowa County since 2001. MHTC has been aggressively deploying FTTH throughout its ILEC service territory since 2006, MHTC has been expanding into neighboring rural unserved and underserved locations.

MHTC continues to expand its fiber network to provide sufficient broadband service throughout Dane and Iowa County that is scalable and supports future commercial and residential bandwidth needs. MHTC prides itself in delivering quality, reliable broadband access at an affordable rate. Furthermore, MHTC values the local partnerships we make to improve our communities by improving Broadband access with sufficient bandwidth across our footprint including extending FTTH in rural communities. Examples of this include:

In 2016 MHTC applied for and was awarded a Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant in the amount of \$55,360 to expand its fiber network to the City of Dodgeville Business Park and nearby businesses in the Town of Dodgeville to provide business customers broadband service in an unserved area. This project included 36 business locations and 28 additional business lots yet to be developed. This Project was completed by MHTC on March 29, 2017. Over 44 locations now have access to a FTTH network.

In 2017 MHTC applied for and was awarded a Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant in the amount of \$126,162 for the Iowa County fixed wireless project. This project provided broadband service utilizing fixed wireless to rural Iowa County residents which supported up to 25Mbps/3Mbps within the project area. This project was completed by MHTC in September 2019. Over 766 locations now have expanded broadband access.

In 2018 Company applied for and was awarded a Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant in FY 2018 Round #2 in the amount of \$244,200. This project will be completed by Company in September 2021. This project delivered FTTH to 74 Town of Brigham locations which have access to 1,000 Mbps/1,000 Mbps as a result of the completion of the grant project in November of 2021.

In 2020 Company applied for and was awarded a PSC CARES Broadband Grant in the amount of \$246,239.60. This project provided FTTH to 2 business locations and 30 residential locations and was completed December 2020.

MHTC's success in broadband deployment is directly linked to the financial, technical, and professional expertise from all employee levels within the organization. It is this experienced staff that has aided in the successful deployment of the existing broadband network and projects successfully completed over the past few years. MHTC has a proven track record of successfully completing infrastructure projects similar to the one being requested as part of this grant application.

#### **f. Proposed Project's Impact on Telehealth**

MHTC's proposed project will be a tool for rural health facilities insomuch as difficulties exist for remote rural healthcare facilities because they are often unable to attract, afford or retain specialty providers. Telemedicine helps resolve these issues by allowing access to specialists regardless of geographic location of the patient or provider. Telemedicine technology paired with specialty medical devices can enable a remote physician to "see" the patient as if they were actually in the exam room with the patient. The specialist can examine the patient, review vital signs and patient history; provide assessment, diagnosis, and treatment all while the patient is in the comfort of their own home, minimizing or eliminating the need for travel for either the patient or the specialist. Examples of how the MHTC project can make a difference are captured in the summaries of letters of support provided below and attached in full as Appendix B with this application.

Letter 51 - Upland Hills Health in Iowa County shared how many rural residents do not have sufficient bandwidth to access telehealth appointments, how the health center themselves lack sufficient bandwidth to support a back-up broadband connection for disaster recovery of medical records, and how the facility does not have sufficient bandwidth to stream internet health programs in the facilities for patients to view.

Letter 03-B. Loday – is lacking reliable access to broadband which creates a dangerous situation for their family as their daughter has special needs and complex medical issues and reliance upon telehealth and access to call for medical help is critical. Even routine medical visits are recommended via Telehealth and virtual visits as a means to minimize their daughter's exposure to viruses, etc., at hospital and doctor office visits. The Loday's support the MHTC application to bring FTTH and much needed medical accommodations for their daughter.

#### **g. Proposed Project's Impact on Access to Educational Opportunities**

MHTC's proposed project in Iowa County, where according to U.S. Census data 22.3% of the population is between 5-18 years of age, will deliver speeds of up to 1Gbps to each location. These speeds are more than adequate for multiple students within the household to simultaneously stream live classroom feeds for virtual school attendance, conduct research for homework assignments, access and complete testing, and general access to all educational opportunities available via broadband connections. Below MHTC provides summaries of letters received sharing how the lack of broadband affects students and teachers in the proposed project area, full letters included as Appendix B.

Letter 01-A. Leister – expresses support of the grant and states the lack of broadband, supported by speed test depicting 2.6Mbps download, inhibits their children's access to internet for school preventing research and the bandwidth needed to upload completed assignments requiring the Leisters to drive children to town to the local public library to submit assignments.

Letter 08-Carpenter – supports the MHTC grant and shares as a teacher at the University of Wisconsin he uses Zoom to conduct teaching sessions and also requires broadband connectivity for his podcasting and consulting work with state and federal government agencies. Unfortunately, many times the only access to teach and use a broadband connection occurred by driving into town and parking outside the Barneveld Public Library to access the wireless connectivity from the car.

Letter 20-J. K. Carden – cites the need for broadband, speed test revealed 1.49 Mbps download, sharing children have not been able to access classes or turn in homework via upload from the house requiring the family to drive many nights including during inclement weather to the Village of Barneveld to the Library to connect to wifi to research and submit assignment by the deadlines. Further explaining, having fast and reliable internet service will allow better options for educational opportunities for the children.

## **h. Grant Application Support**

As mentioned above, MHTC has entered into a public-private partnership which provides matching funds for the project area as well as continuing to foster positive community relations. Additionally, MHTC's proposed project is located in Iowa County, which is Certified as a Broadband Forward! Community.

## **i. Letters of Support**

MHTC's proposed project has garnered significant support and survey responses which show and tell the need and impact of lack of broadband in the proposed project area. In addition to the seven summarized letters below an additional 37 are included with this application in Appendix B. These letters share the struggles of working from home, accessing telehealth, and inability to conduct basic tasks due to lack of broadband access.

Letter 07-C. Wagner – submits a letter sharing the only available broadband option is Satellite and as a result of poor connectivity and slow speeds, speed test of 7.64 Mbps download, neither he nor his wife are able to work from home. Further sharing approval of MHTC's grant would allow better options for working remotely, access to education, and improve communication options for all area residents.

Letter 10-Limmex – provides a letter of support for the MHTC broadband grant explaining current speeds of 2.5-5Mbps result in jitter and freezing creating issues when attempting to work from home or conduct other activities over the internet.

Letter 12-Doeseckle – expresses support for MHTC's broadband grant application explaining that the only option available is Satellite which proves to be inconsistently available creating problems for the Doeseckle's when required to work remotely.

Letter 13-Elert – requests consideration of the application as both adult's work from home and one of the children is taking virtual classes all scenarios requiring access to reliable high-speed broadband which is not currently available. Elert further shares that "fast reliable internet is not a luxury anymore; it is a necessity."

Letter 16-G. Jones – sends a letter and survey expressing the need for broadband to enable the household to conduct online banking, permitting, and licensing, zoom calls, and access to educational opportunities.

Letter 19-J. Bell – provides a written letter and survey supporting the broadband application as current broadband option is not sufficient to access and submit electronically.

Letter 38-M. Poellmann – shares he works for a startup company that licenses technology developed at UW-Madison and his role requires reliable access to streaming video and the ability to access and share large data sets, tasks unable to be completed when working from home which prohibits contributions to continued work product as a critical time for the company's growth. Poellmann's only option is satellite which does not deliver the required speed or operate with any consistency in poor weather.

## **j. Discussion on Equitable Factors Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 196.03(6)**

Broadband Adoption Activities Planned for Project:

1. A plan to actively promote the adoption of newly available broadband service to the community.

MHTC does have a comprehensive plan in place by which it will promote the newly available broadband service to the community. This plan includes but is not limited to:

1. Coordinated communication with the educational community and area schools to raise awareness of the new fiber facilities being constructed, updating progress, sharing information on how parents of school age children can submit pre orders and offering promotions to upgrade and new services when available.
2. Webpage once available, specifically announcing availability with promotions for upgrading and new services in each expansion area community.

Upon project completion MHTC's project area will be incorporated into all marketing and sales programs to ensure all promotional and educational materials are provided in the incorporated MHTC initial service area are also made available to those locations.

2. Provision of technical support or training on how to connect correctly to the new broadband service.

MHTC will offer its Technical Support access web tools to the locations in the proposed project area. The MHTC Support page tools and options were designed to eliminate confusion and troubles by creating an avenue for customers to connect directly with technicians and or service representatives, and even look through Frequently Asked Questions that may help resolve issues. The MHTC technicians and service representatives have received comprehensive training and have been deemed the subject matter experts (SME's) for broadband and related home and business networks. Customers have several different avenues to access support which include viewing the web tools, calling a Customer Care Center number, or emailing the question or trouble.

3. Digital literacy or online security trainings or events.

MHTC will continue to offer digital literacy and online security training via its Technical Support page and tools which offers a variety of access options providing additional flexibility for those seeking help as the product suite has options for customers that exist outside of traditional business hours. MHTC understands that training is a key element to understand the possibilities broadband connections provide and has a library of training videos and tips available on its YouTube channel, [MHTC Luminous - YouTube](#) which range from connecting devices, to understanding usage, and how to set up and use apps.

4. Low-income broadband assistance program will be offered.

MHTC offers Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity discounts to qualifying subscribers as a means of offering assistance to low-income broadband subscribers. As additional consideration, MHTC did develop the pricing for tiers of service with the community in mind and has priced all qualifying broadband services in a manner comparable or lower than that of other broadband providers in the state.

#### **4.5 Evaluation Criteria: This Application's Criteria Merit Points**

- a. Matching funds (10 points).

MHTC's application includes matching funds of 25% contributed via combination of MHTC and its public-private partners.

- b. Public-private partnerships (10 points).

MHTC's application includes a public-private partnership between MHTC and County of Iowa and another between MHTC and Town of Brigham.

c. Existing broadband service (15 points).

MHTC's application is proposing to serve an un/underserved area.

d. Project impact (15 points).

MHTC's application proposes to serve an extremely rural high-cost area and deliver broadband to 452 un/underserved locations.

e. Scalability (5 points).

MHTC's application demonstrates a commitment to increase the size or scope of its broadband network in the future and as part of this proposed project has incorporated spare fiber, ensured ease of future upgrades with the change of electronics,' and has sufficient bandwidth and facilities to increase capacity as a result of area growth and or expansion.

f. Economic development (10 points).

MHTC's application demonstrates the potential to promote job growth or retention, expand the property tax base or improve the overall economic vitality of the municipality or region.

g. Effect upon broadband service to adjacent areas (5 points).

MHTC's application demonstrates that it will not impair the ability of a competing broadband service provider to extend broadband service to areas adjacent to the proposed project shall receive priority.

**MHTC Grant Application List of Supplemental and Appendix Documents**

Appendix A. Demonstration of Service Available

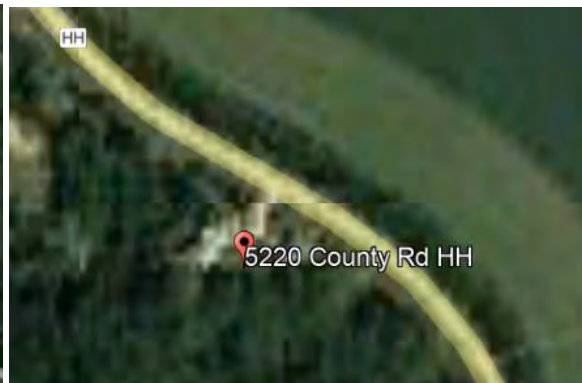
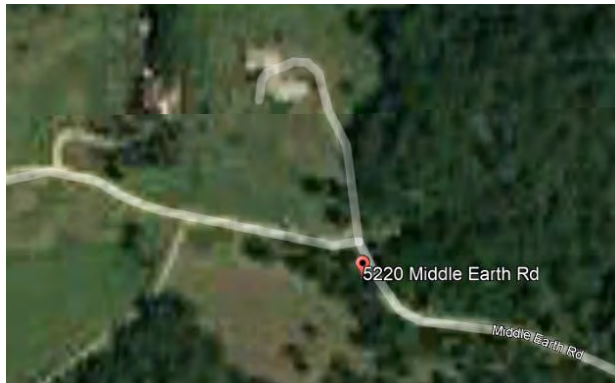
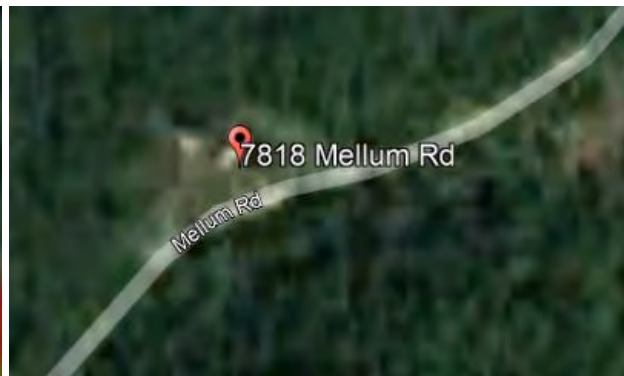
Appendix B. Support Letters, Economic Development, Impact on Telehealth, Impact on Education,  
and general letters of support and surveys

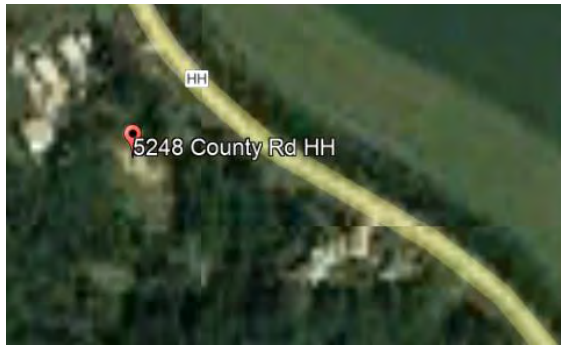
Supplemental Documents:

- MHTC Letter of Interest from RTFC
- Iowa County Resolution No. 7-322 – Public Private Partnership
- Iowa County Resolution No. 8-322 – Matching Funds
- Town of Brigham – Public Private Partnership and Funding Commitment

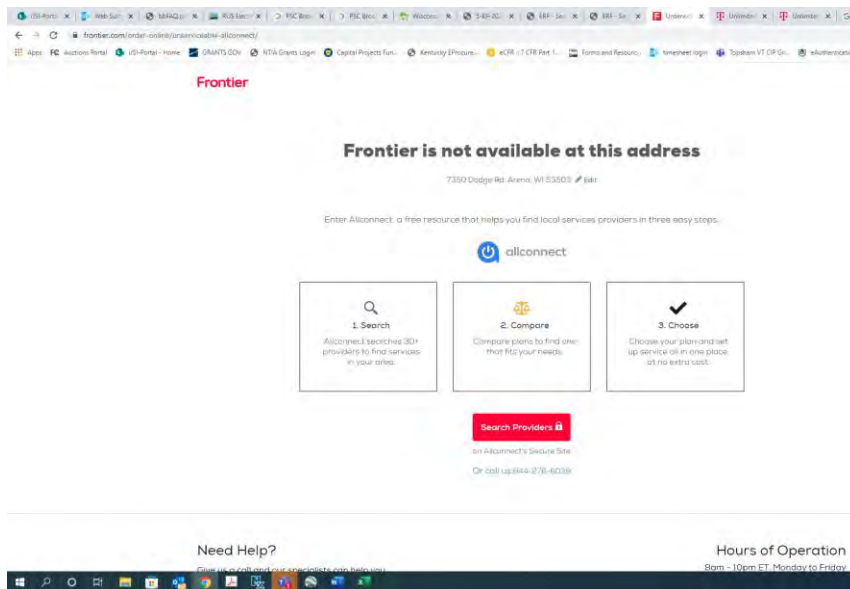
**Appendix A:**

Eighteen (18) locations indicated as served are actually underserved as the second provider listed is MHTC and the locations in question are heavily wooded with significant tree cover that prevents the transmission of the fixed broadband service, examples of the mapping material depicting this is below. All 18 locations are outside of the “red” available areas.





Additionally MHTC used the Frontier web portal to determine the level of service available at the remaining locations, and the Frontier website returned the same results, and message (depicted below)



for all of the locations listed in the chart below.

**List of Addresses - Barneveld Area North  
(PSC Grant Application 2022) IOWA CO.**

Address			Designation Residential or Business	Property Owner	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
7350 Dodge Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Harrop Trust	807 Lichte Dr	Mazomanie	WI	53560
4254 County Road T	frontier not avail		Residential	Village of Barneveld	403 E County Road ID	Barneveld	WI	53507
6494 County Road H	frontier not avail		Business	Mill Creek Church Catholic	6494 County Road H	Arena	WI	53503
7279 Dodge Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	John R Young	7279 Dodge Rd	Arena	WI	53503
6712 County Road H	frontier not avail		Residential	Philip & Linda Roberts	6712 County Road H	Arena	WI	53503
7706 Mellum Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Brent McCown	236 E Sunset Ct	Madison	WI	53705
7710 Mellum Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Jeffrey & Julie Flint	PO Box 134	Arena	WI	53503
7724 Mellum Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Brandon J Knitter	7724 Mellum Rd	Arena	WI	53503
7460 Mellum Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Johnathan Kjos	7460 Mellum Rd	Arena	WI	53503
7860 Mellum Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Raymond Jr. & Barbara Iehl	709 Saddle Ridge	Crystal Lake	IL	60012
7986 Mellum Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Vincent Pope & Nancy-Zimmerman	7899 Mellum Rd	Arena	WI	53503
6768 Ray Hollow Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Jacqueline Sawle	6768 Ray Hollow Rd	Arena	WI	53503
6876 Ray Hollow Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Donald & Debra Bennett	6876 Ray Hollow Rd	Arena	WI	53503
6780 Ray Hollow Rd	frontier not avail		Residential	Robert & Mary Stofflet	6780 Ray Hollow Rd	Arena	WI	53503



## Gaffney Family Cattle



*Our Business. Our Livelihood.*

February 13, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Ower-6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53507-9100

Dear Ms. Coker,

Our broadband and communication options have been limited until recent years. In 2008 we broadcast our first live cattle sale from the farm. The live video feed was run over our Verizon internet dialup landline and the sound was run through our Verizon phone landline. We sold 3 of our 80 head through this service. Last year 20 of the 60 head sold in our sale were via online service. Currently we have a landline with Frontier and extra internet with a U.S. Cellular hotspot. It takes both services to produce and market our cattle. There is no data limit with our Frontier line, however service is inconsistent. The U.S. Cellular program is fast but limited by a data cap.

Our family business has been aggressively shopping for internet and communication solutions for 14 years. It is becoming more critical that we have access and options. Our internet service has an economic impact of \$150,000 on our operation. We are currently, pursuing installing cell boosters in two of our outbuildings in order for our employees to keep up with the speed of our business.

MHTC was the first provider to offer internet to our location and we have kept a paid email account with them to date. We believe in supporting competitive markets and local utilities. Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Growth for our business depends on fast reliable internet service.

Thank You for your Consideration,

*Valerie & Scott Gaffney*

Valerie and Scott Gaffney  
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## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <i>Can't Cancel speed is too slow &amp; service is</i>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	<u>\$100</u> Internet <u>\$50</u> Landline Phone <i>Not reliable</i> \$ _____ Video \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	____ None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream ____ 11-25 Mbps downstream ____ 26-50 Mbps downstream ____ 51-99 Mbps downstream ____ 100 Mbps downstream or above ____ I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <i>Speed test</i> <u>46</u> Ping <u>2.6</u> Download <u>76</u> upload <u>36</u> Ping <i>frontier speed test</i>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	____ 1-100 Mbps downstream ____ 101-300 Mbps downstream ____ 301-500 Mbps downstream ____ 501 Mbps downstream & above ____ I'm not sure <i>1 Jitter            2.7 Download            .6 Upload</i>
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Love to Support Local!</i>
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	<i>Scott &amp; Valerie Gaffney            4888 County Road H#            Barneveld, WI 53507</i>

\*This form does not commit you to receive any services from MHTC

**From:** Joseph Marshall <[jmarshall@signal88.com](mailto:jmarshall@signal88.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** Melissa I. Lease <[Melissa.Lease@mhtcinc.com](mailto:Melissa.Lease@mhtcinc.com)>  
**Cc:** Holly Hayden <[hhayden@signal88.com](mailto:hhayden@signal88.com)>  
**Subject:** Fiber Internet Grant  
**Importance:** High

Ms. Lease:

My name is Joe Marshall and together with my wife Holly we own 82 acres located at 5549 Blue Ridge Rd. Barneveld, WI 53507.

We purchased this property last fall and our intention is to build our permanent residence on this property. We were also hoping to move our administrative functions of our businesses to this property as well.

Presently our property has no access to high speed internet service. Access to high speed internet is critically important to the day to day operation of our businesses. Presently we own three companies, currently headquartered in Ohio, where we presently live. All three of these organizations could potentially be headquartered from our property on Blue Ridge Road IF we had access to reliable high speed internet services. While the vast majority of our employees work remotely, relocating our headquarters to Wisconsin would provide tax revenue from all three of our entities to the township/county/state. Collectively our businesses are on track to generate \$7.5M in revenue in 2022. We have seen almost 150% growth in revenue year over year in the past 4 years and that trend seems unlikely to change.

We are in full support of the effort to bring fiber internet to this region and will gladly offer our support both as business owners and residents of the region. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions. Best way to reach me is on my cell phone at 330.289.6112.

Respectfully,

**Joe Marshall**

President

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Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

I am self-employed, running a small business from home, and the lack of high-speed internet is a TREMENDOUS BURDEN to my business. Currently, the only "high-speed" internet available is satellite, and it is inconsistent, unreliable, slow, has a cap on data and is extremely expensive. My business relies on being able to upload and stream video, conduct video conference meetings, download and send large files of information, and other functions which require a lot of data. Additionally, my wife occasionally works from home, and we have two children who need to use the internet for virtual learning and homework. We can't even consider subscribing to any entertainment / streaming services because our internet is generally slow and it chews through our data ceiling in a matter of days.

We LOVE rural living but the lack of internet access is absolutely hurting my ability to expand my business. I know there are many people along our very road who feel the same way.

Please support a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast, reliable and reasonably priced internet is going to be critical for the future viability of rural communities like ours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adrian Alan  
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Ridgeway, WI 53582  
608-512-8061

**Circle Sanctuary, Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve & Circle Cemetery**  
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Thursday, February 24, 2022

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RE: MHTC Broadband Expansion Grant

Greetings,

I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by Mount Horeb Telephone Company (MHTC). I am a resident of Brigham Township, Iowa County, Wisconsin, and in writing this letter, I also am representing Circle Sanctuary, Circle Cemetery, and Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve in Brigham Township, Iowa County, Wisconsin.

We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to us and others in unserved areas of our county.

We are greatly in need of this fiber broadband now and in the future. And we have been needing faster, more reliable, and functional internet for decades!

Circle Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non-profit religious organization. Our offices and headquarters are on the 200-acre Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve, which includes Circle Cemetery, Wisconsin's first Green cemetery.

Our internet and telephone challenges are many. Since 1990, I, along with others, have been seeking to get reliable and good internet and telephone service. For over thirty years, we have contacted a variety of providers in hopes of getting our needs effectively met but without success.

Circle Sanctuary land is located in a valley without line-of-sight access to internet services offered by cell phone providers and Bugtussle. We are at the end of phone line infrastructure that originates in Ridgeway, and which continues to degrade and have problems.

We have landline phone service through Frontier Communications. Over the years, I have contacted Frontier Communications repeatedly in hopes that we could get internet over our phone lines, but each time have been told there are no available ports and there are no plans to add any.

For many years, we used HughesNet satellite for our internet service at Circle Sanctuary headquarters, but it was unstable and inadequate for use by our staff, volunteers, members, and visitors. Last year, in May 2021, we switched to Starlink for our internet service. Starlink has been a bit faster, but is still not sufficient for our many needs. We continue to experience interruptions, unstable internet, and in stormy weather, outages.

We need FIBER BROADBAND!

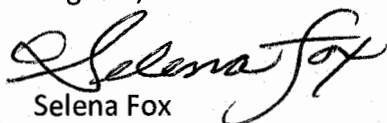
Circle Sanctuary internet needs at our headquarters, 5354 Meadowvale Road, Barneveld, WI 53507 are many and include:

- Office communications & functioning – email, website updating, video conferencing and meetings, online data management, bookkeeping & accounting, online banking and other financial services, graphics, videos & photos archiving, other work.
- Education – virtual learning through Zoom webinars & conferences, podcasting, social media livestreaming, research, archiving, other means.
- Counseling/Telehealth – by Zoom with individuals, families, groups
- Internet access for staff, members, guests, and visitors on premises
- Events & Ceremonies, including weddings and funerals – by Zoom, by livestreaming to YouTube.

Please provide the grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. We need reliable and fast internet service, as do others in this rural area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Selena Fox

Executive Director, Circle Sanctuary, Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve, & Circle Cemetery

February 13, 2022

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Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

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Fortunately, shortly prior to the outbreak of Covid-19 my wife (Terri Liebmann) and I (Tim Liebmann) retired. We would have been forced to retire otherwise since our jobs required working from home after the outbreak. We do not have reliable (and sometimes zero) service here to have met that requirement. Still, Terri is on the Barneveld Library Board of Trustees which for over a year relied on Zoom to conduct its monthly board meetings. This was very disruptive to others on the Zoom meeting as the connection would be lost several times throughout the meeting to the point where she stepped away from participating. Terri also had to stop taking piano lessons after the lessons were only offered virtually because of the pandemic.

In addition, we had planned to open an Airbnb in our guesthouse after retirement. This has not happened due to the only internet provider in our area (Frontier) unable to provide additional service to homes due to the lack of ports. Very disturbing.

Finally, over the last several years we have contacted Frontier on numerous occasions asking for increased speed or at the least the speed that we pay for monthly. For example, on September 29, 2019, we called after performing a speed test with the results of 0.93 download Mbps with an upload of 0.19 Mbps. Another call that we documented was April 28, 2021, which had us at a speed of 0.47 download Mbps and 0.36 upload Mbps. Our monthly statement bills us for service of 6.0 download Mbps and 512 upload Kbps. Although we have not documented all the calls we have made to Frontier these two examples are not out of the norm when we call questioning our internet speed. I would hope that through Frontier and the open records law



that caller information (for our calls as well as other customers) would be available if needed to make a determination for this grant.

In closing, we ask to please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Timothy J. Liebmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Timothy" and last name "Liebmann" clearly legible, and a middle initial "J." in between.

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tliebmann@wisc.edu  
(608) 924-1153



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Our farm is located 30 miles from the University of Wisconsin and only 20 miles from Epic Systems Corporation. These are but a part of one of the fastest growing advanced technology hubs in the United States. This area is frequently identified as a likely future Mid-West version of Silicone Valley, California. This fact stands in stark contrast with the internet options available to us on County Road K. Our current DSL (Frontier) internet service is 1.36 MB at its best. There was no service at all during the month of December 2021 because a Frontier regional router failed, and replacement parts were no longer available for the obsolete equipment. We waited, with very little communication from Frontier, while another obsolete router was decommissioned at another Wisconsin location and moved to our nearby station. Frontier has NO spare parts for its DSL equipment and new replacements are simply not available anymore. As you know, DSL is the only option for our current last-century copper phone lines. Our farm is at the end of a Frontier line, 1MB internet is the only wired option provided or possible.

Two years ago, a new Epic recruit just out of college in Southern Illinois moved into the efficiency apartment in our farmhouse. He was attracted by the opportunity presented to him by Epic but also by the opportunity to live in the quiet and beautiful country-living environment we enjoy in Iowa County. His commute time to and from Epic and our farm was less than what is often experienced by his colleagues who live in downtown Madison. As the technology businesses in the Madison area including Epic, the UW, Raven, Exact Sciences, and so many more continue to prosper and expand, employment and the requisite housing is certain to expand as well. Not every Millennial wants to live in crowded downtown Madison.

The new tenant quickly realized that the 1MB DSL internet connection would not meet his "work at home" directive as the pandemic upset his new job and training requirements. He quickly had a satellite internet service installed but, within two weeks, was informed by Epic that service was inadequate as well. Epic told him his continued employment depended on his acquiring better internet service. I agreed to let him out of his one-year lease so he could move into the basement in Madison of one of his new employ colleagues at Epic.

The opportunity we have in the USA for remote living and working is a huge strategic advantage our country has but our country is scandalously remis in taking advantage of it. The simple fact that it is currently impossible to get adequate internet service only 20 minutes away from one of the fastest growing technology hubs in the USA is just that, a scandal.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Eric R. Lewis, Ph.D.  
 5381 County Road K  
 Blue Mounds, Wisconsin 53517  
 608-244-0404 erlewis@wisc.edu

February 17, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As the President of Upland Hills Health in Iowa County, Wisconsin, I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Adequate broadband is essential in ensuring that our patients have access to telehealth appointments. Currently, many of our rural residents do not have sufficient bandwidth for such visits. Additionally, the hospital owns a clinic in Barneveld, Wisconsin. Currently, we do not have sufficient bandwidth for a back-up internet connection for disaster recovery for the medical records of this clinic. Lastly, at this time, we do not have sufficient bandwidth to stream internet health information programs in our waiting rooms.

We urge you to consider providing this grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to address these needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Schnedler, FACHE  
President & CEO  
Upland Hills Health, Inc.  
schnedlerl@uplandhillshealth.org

2/18/2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin, I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Connectivity to the internet at a speed that will not only support us today, but well into the future will be delivered by this project. Our daughter uses the internet daily to attend virtual school. Our daughter has special needs. We use telehealth with virtual doctor visits on a regular basis. This is essential to her and provides her with the opportunity to not be exposed to viruses, etc, at hospitals and doctor office visits. Both my husband and I spend time working from home and it is essential that we use the internet daily to connect with other businesses and clients, etc. Our connection also provides us access to home entertainment and security for our property.

We often have no internet or spotty internet if the weather is not good. This is a chronic issue. When we cannot connect to the internet it negatively affects the daily lives of every family member and the security of our property. With our daughter's complex medical issues it is dangerous if we cannot call for help should we need to. We have one cell bar or no cell bars at our property. Sometimes we can text people but our cell phones cannot access our emails and cell phone calls typically do not work. We tried to do a Speedtest and just got an error message.

HughesNet told me for the speed – all of their plans have the same speed that is up to 25mbps. They also said that as of the moment, they still don't have any update yet if they will provide fiber.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband services to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, telehealth, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mike & Brynna London  
5313 County Rd K  
Blue Mounds, WI 53517  
[BrynnaLondon@live.com](mailto:BrynnaLondon@live.com)  
608-434-3100

February 14, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Our current provide, Frontier Communications, is the poorest run company. We have no other choice in our area. They don't provide service over 3.0 M. When our kids need to use the internet for school we have had to go and sit outside the local public library to send in assignments. I can't work from home with such low-quality internet. Frontier has not given any consideration in upgrading the area and when the internet and phones go out, we have no communication unless we drive down our road to get mobile service. Frontier can take days to fix issues. We need a better option and I believe MHTC will be better at servicing the local community.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda and Corey Leister  
7680 Lone Pine Rd  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
[amleister@yahoo.com](mailto:amleister@yahoo.com)  
608-924-1367

Dennis D. Carpenter, Ph.D.  
5180 Meadowvale Road  
Barneveld, WI 53507

February 25, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

RE: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin, I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company).

My wife and I are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to us and to others in the underserved areas of our county.

Connectivity to the Internet at a high speed is critical to the effective functioning and financial success of our household. We have struggled with inadequate Internet access for years.

My wife and I both utilize the Internet for our work, including such activities as accessing online banking and other financial services, teaching University of Wisconsin classes via Zoom, podcasting, live streaming to social media, consulting work with state and federal government agencies, and more.

We have spent way too many hours parked outside the Barneveld Public Library, accessing the Internet in our car. We live in a location with little promise of better service other than that covered in this grant.

We are at the end of the phone line that originates in Ridgeway and have been told that we are not eligible for Internet service through Frontier Communications due to port restrictions.

Furthermore, we are out of line-of sight for access to Internet through our two Cell Phone Providers, Verizon and U.S. Cellular, as well as through service such as that offered by Bug Tussle. Starlink Satellite does not work from our house due to lack of clear exposure to enough of the sky.

We currently rely on Viasat satellite service, which has significant limitations in speed, limited higher speed access, and reduced speed once we reach a contract threshold, which is usually at the end of the

first week of each month of service. Our personal, emotional, mental, social, and financial well-being requires fast, stable, and unlimited high speed Internet access.

Please approve the grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband to our area. Having fast and reliable Internet service in our area will allow us and our neighbors to have better options for work, education, and communication.

Thank you for our consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis D. Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

Dennis D. Carpenter, Ph.D.  
5180 Meadowvale Road  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
[dennisdcarpenter27@gmail.com](mailto:dennisdcarpenter27@gmail.com)  
(608)924-2219

**Jason & Kelly Carden**

7701 Lone Pine Road  
 Barneveld, WI 53507  
 608-924-1816

Steffany Powell Coker  
 Secretary to the Commission  
 Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
 4822 Madison Yards Way  
 North Tower - 6th Floor  
 Madison, WI 53705-9100

February 17, 2022

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application of MHTC (Mt Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

The Internet service we have is a Frontier DSL line. That is all that is available to us. Terrain does not allow strong enough cell phone nor wireless broadband to our property. Our DSL is horribly slow. This has always been an inconvenience, but in the last 2 years this has proven to be very problematic. We have two school aged children. During Covid, their classes were all virtual. It was very difficult for them to "Zoom" into their classes. I was not able to work from home because it overloaded our Internet and none of us could connect. Oftentimes, it was impossible for them to submit their homework. Many, many nights, and in all kinds of weather, we had to drive our kids 4 miles into the Village of Barneveld to sit in front of the library. They could then connect to the WiFi and submit their homework assignments before midnight when they were due. They have mainly in person school this year, but still have virtual school days at times and need Internet service to do their work.

Additionally, Frontier Support has been very difficult to deal with. We have had outages and modem issues that took days or weeks to get resolved. Oftentimes they do not call us back or send us the upgraded modems that they have promised. With taxes, we spend \$118 a month for 1.5 Mbps download, 0.28 Mbps upload speeds and landline telephone.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for our rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration,  
 Sincerely,

  
**Jason Carden**

  
**Kelly Carden**



## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$_____ Internet + \$_____ Landline Phone = \$118/mo \$165 Video   \$_____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 1.49 / 0.28 Mbps   76 ms
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Jason Carden Address: 7701 Long Pine Rd Barneveld Phone number: 608 225 5724 Email: j12911@yahoo.com	

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2-20-2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
She Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Connectivity to the internet at a speed that will not only support us today, but well into the future will be delivered by this project. Currently, the only available internet to us at my home is via satellite, which for security reasons and slow speeds, does not allow either adult to work from home. In addition, there is very limited cell phone coverage in our area. Having high speed internet and reliable landline phone connection increases our ability to communicate outside of our home.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for all rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl Wagner  
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Arena, WI 53503  
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(608) 370-9236

02/17/2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

RE: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

I am writing you in full support of the Broadband Expansion Grant application to bring fiber broadband deployment in Iowa County Wisconsin by MHTC (Mount Horeb Telephone Company). As a resident of the Town of Bringham in Iowa county we are currently underserved by both wired and wireless connections.

Both my wife and I work from home and experience issues with bandwidth while working. We typically have speeds from 2.5-5.0 MB upload speeds which also experience frequent “freezes” or outages. For larger updates or when archiving family photos and videos the process can take 4-12 hours. Our kids, when school age, will need the internet to do school work and enhance their learning. In addition, due to the poor cellular service in our area OTA internet options are limited and the landscape does not lend itself well to these options. This poor cell service also means I rely on WIFI calling via my cell phone daily and experience issues placing calls if my service goes down.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband to our location to support work, education, and communication in rural Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christopher Limmex  
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Barneveld, WI 53507  
climmex@uwalumni.com  
608-588-4570

February 25, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Currently, the only option we have that is somewhat adequate to support my position working from home is satellite internet. This is not a reliable source of consistent service, as it may go out in a heavy rain, snow, wind or other inclement weather. The bandwidth is also not always adequate for online Zoom meeting and can lead to buffering images. A higher bandwidth would also help us be able to enjoy more streaming home entertainment options.

Please consider giving a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service will allow us to have better options for work and communication for rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Keene & Erika Doeseckle

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Arena, WI 53503

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Phone: 608-924-3701

MHTC understands material after page 40 will not be considered by the screening panel, but did want to include all letters of support received from locations in the proposed area.

CURRENT DATE

2/28/2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to hear how bad Frontier Corporation is and the fantastic service Mount Horeb Telephone provided me in the past when I lived within sight of the Ridgeway

As a resident in (INSERT YOUR COUNTY HERE) County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county. water Tower.

(IN THIS PARAGRAPH, PLEASE INCLUDE A PERSONAL REASON YOU COULD BENEFIT FROM MORE BANDWIDTH. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE FROM ANOTHER RESIDENT.) Connectivity to the internet at a speed that will not only support us today, but well into the future will be delivered by this project. Our children now use the internet daily to attend virtual school. Two adults are also working from home, using the internet to connect to the office, etc. Our connection also provides us access to home entertainment that is always delivered through our internet connection.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

At 74 years old corporate Frontier is the worst company I have ever dealt with.

Sincerely,

Greg Hilden

Name  
Address  
Email  
Phone

Greg Hilden  
5220 Cty Rd HH Barneveld WI 53507  
middleearthmill@gmail.com  
608 924 3888 cell

Frontier has no local phone number (Sun Prairie) and no one will speak of when service will be improved including Office of the President at Frontier.

## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>cell phone</u>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$___ Internet   \$___ Landline Phone \$___ Video   \$ <u>138</u> Other (specify) <u>US Cellular Cell with purchase</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service? <u>had Frontier for 8-10yrs</u> <u>signal was so bad</u> <u>out .3 up .5 down I took</u> <u>out landline + internet</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>at the end the tech was fixing the</u> <u>booster relay 2 miles <del>off</del> from Barneveld</u> <u>out</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <u>then 2 miles to a</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <u>junction box where</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <u>it splits to 8 houses</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure <u>the cards were burning out</u> <u>and every week or 2. It was a</u>
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>experimental set up from</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>Europe and when the parts</u>
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <u>are gone, they are rare now</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <u>service will stop.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer <u>call me if you need more</u> <u>information</u>
Contact Information Name: <u>Greg Hilden</u> Address: <u>Three houses</u> Phone number: <u>924 3888 cell</u> Email: <u>middle earth mill@gmail.com</u>	<u>5220, 5248 Cty Rd Ht</u> <u>5220 middle</u> <u>Earth Rd</u>

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February 14, 2022

MAILED

2-14-22

YJ

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison WI, 53507-9100  
705

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker

As a resident of Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mount Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

We need fast reliable internet service to function in the modern world. We rely on it for doing our banking, DMV permitting and licensing, Zoom calls for the board of director's meetings we attend, educational opportunities that we want to take advantage of. We cannot get delivery of the newspaper where I live. We are told to subscribe to the digital version. We would also like high-speed internet access for entertainment purposes, streaming movies and music.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


- COPY -

Gregory Jones  
Linda Millunzi-Jones  
7771 Lakeview Road  
Barneveld, Wisconsin 53507

608-924-3919

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>87.</u> Internet <u>HUGHES</u> \$ <u>61.</u> Landline Phone <u>FRONTIER COM.</u> \$ <u>97.</u> Video <u>DISH NETWORK</u> \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None _____ < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream _____ 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above _____ I don't know <u>HUGHES NET</u>
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>2-19-22 10:30 AM</u> <u>SPEED TEST.NET 11:00 AM</u> <u>DOWNLOAD 15.3</u> <u>DOWN LOAD 7.26 mbps</u> <u>UPLOAD 0.3</u> <u>UPLOAD 0.22</u> <u>ID 12761941841</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	_____ 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream _____ 301-500 Mbps downstream _____ 501 Mbps downstream & above _____ I'm not sure <u>ENOUGH SPEED AND DATA TO STREAM CONTENT</u>
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <u>WHATEVER . . . .</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>GREGORY C. JONES</u> Address: <u>7771 LAKEVIEW Rd., BARNEVELD, WI 53507</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-3919</u> Email: <u>7771_jones@gmail.com</u>	 Gregory C. Jones 7771 Lakeview Rd. Barneveld, WI 53507

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February 14, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

I am sending this letter in support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by Mt. Horeb Telephone Company (MHTC). I am a resident of Arena Township in Iowa County. Despite living just a 35 minute drive from my job in Madison, my only option for internet is Viasat, and my only option for cellular service provider is AT&T.

Reliable internet connectivity is critical for my career. I work part-time for a start up company that licenses technology that we developed at UW-Madison. Through this company, I regularly need to communicate with partners in Korea and Israel outside of normal work hours. At \$120/month, Viasat can support short video calls, but only for limited lengths of time and in good weather. More importantly, I am completely unable to access the large data sets that we regularly share. As a result, I am extremely constrained in my ability to work from home and contribute in a meaningful way to our company at a critical time in our growth.

Separately, I joined the waitlist for Starlink last fall. A neighbor has success with the service, but the company is unable to produce enough systems and have not provided an estimated delivery date. I additionally have long-term concerns about that company's ability to deliver fast internet at a reasonable rate given their current unprofitability and the difficulties associated with launching and replacing so many satellites. I would absolutely give up my deposit with Starlink to support a wired connection with a well-established, local company.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband to County Road K in Iowa County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Poellmann

5558 County Road K  
Blue Mounds, WI 53517  
mpoellmann@capiobiosciences.com  
217-766-6647



## MHTC Internet Survey

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>46.98</u> Internet   \$ <u>40.99</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	____ None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <u>3.0m / 384K</u> ____ 11-25 Mbps downstream ____ 26-50 Mbps downstream ____ 51-99 Mbps downstream ____ 100 Mbps downstream or above ____ I don't know <i>Can't upgrade. All they offer.</i>
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) download <u>2.60 mbps</u> ping <u>58ms</u> upload <u>0.6 mbps</u> <u>38</u> jitter <i>ms</i>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	____ 1-100 Mbps downstream ____ 101-300 Mbps downstream ____ 301-500 Mbps downstream ____ 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure <i>anything faster than what we get would be amazing..</i>
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Amanda Leister</u> Address: <u>7680 Lone Pine Rd Barneveld, WI 53507</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-1367</u> Email: <u>amleister@yahoo.com</u>	

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## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$150 Internet   \$ 70 Landline Phone \$_____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None __X__ < 10 Mbps downstream __X__ 11-25 Mbps downstream __X__ 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above _____ I don't know *varies GREATLY based on time of day and usage.
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 46 MPBS 636ms (12:30pm) This on the high end. It often drops below 10MBPS
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	_____ 1-100 Mbps downstream _____ 101-300 Mbps downstream _____ 301-500 Mbps downstream __X__ 501 Mbps downstream & above _____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	Adrian Alan 4899 Pikes Peak Rd, Ridgeway, WI 53582 608-512-8061 adrianalan@gmail.com

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>167</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ <u>144</u> Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <u>25 IS MAX (ADVERTISED)</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <u>OCCASIONALLY &gt; 25</u> ____ 51-99 Mbps downstream ____ 100 Mbps downstream or above ____ I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>2/13 9:13 AM PING: 604 ↓ 35.41 ↑ 4.80</u> <u>2/13 10:01 PM PING: 725 ↓ 12.36 ↑ 3.90</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	____ 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream   } <u>A RELIABLE 300</u> ____ 501 Mbps downstream & above   } <u>WOULD DO</u> ____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>WOULD BE THRILLED TO WORK WITH</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>A PROVIDER OF A FIBER CONNECTION</u>
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	<u>BOB OLSON</u> <u>7880 SWEENEY RD</u> <u>BARNESVILLE, WI 53507</u> <u>608.215.0129</u> <u>ROLSON144@GMAIL.COM</u>

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Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
PSC of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower—6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

RE: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, WI. I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant Application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). My wife and I are in full support of a fiber broadband deployment that would provide service to some of the unserved areas of Iowa County.

Our current connection is spotty—working well sometimes, but not others. The worst is when snow comes from a certain direction. The satellite dish gets coated with snow and it can be days before the dish clears sufficiently for the system to function. A fiber connection would prevent that problem.

Please favorably consider a grant application by MHTC to bring fiber broadband to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will provide us and future residents better options for work, education and communication.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Olson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Olson  
7880 Sweeny Rd  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
[rcolson44@gmail.com](mailto:rcolson44@gmail.com)  
608.215.0129

**From:** [Brian D. West](#)  
**To:** [Melissa L. Lease](#)  
**Subject:** survey  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:10:39 PM

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Here are the answers to the survey questions

1. internet and phone (dont use phone, but TDS makes me have it)
2. \$100
3. 11-25 Mbps
4. 22/5 ping 49
5. Gig
6. Yes
7. email, [westbr@gmail.com](mailto:westbr@gmail.com)

Brian West  
6239 County Road J, Black Earth, WI 53515  
650-393-9954

The other thing that would be a must is no bandwidth cap.

Thank you,  
Brian West

February 24, 2022

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Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim and Rae Ann Butteris  
4524 Pikes Peak Rd  
Ridgeway, WI 53582  
[timnrae@hotmail.com](mailto:timnrae@hotmail.com)  
608-924-9622



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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>130</u> Internet   \$ <u>20</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None _____ < 10 Mbps downstream _____ 11-25 Mbps downstream _____ 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above _____ I don't know <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Satellite only option</i></div>
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <i>Ping 635</i> <i>download 7.64 Mbps</i> <i>upload 4.93 Mbps</i>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	_____ 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream _____ 301-500 Mbps downstream _____ 501 Mbps downstream & above _____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Carl W</u> Address: Phone number: Email:	

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <sub>TV</sub> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Cell phones (Verizon, US Cellular)</u>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	<u>\$ 155</u> Internet <u>\$ 105</u> Landline Phone <u>\$ 250</u> Video <u>\$ 268</u> Other (specify) <u>Cell phones</u> <u>ATT S-t-ll-r</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>6:10 pm - Ping 630 ms, Download 11.97, Upload 4.86</u> <u>7:20 am - Ping 629 ms, Download 15.46, Upload 4.84</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Dennis D. Carpenter, Ph.D.</u> Address: <u>5180 Meadowdale Rd, Beresford, WI</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-2219</u> Email: <u>dennis@mhtc.net</u>	

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Satellite internet</u>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>99</u> Internet    \$ <u>116</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know.
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) - 6:35pm - Ping 55 ms, Download 19.14, Upload 5.20 7:40am - Ping 32 ms, Download 88.23, Upload 8.70
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Selena Fox / Circle Sanctuary</u> Address: <u>5354 Meadowdale, Barnfield,</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-2216 WI</u> Email: <u>Selena@circle-sanctuary.org</u>	

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>80</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service? <i>slow...</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency)
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs? <i>current standard?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <i>DAVID COUPER</i> Address: <i>5282 CR-K Blue Mounds</i> Phone number: <i>608-444-7207</i> <i>53517</i> Email: <i>davidc6758@gmail.com</i>	

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>120</u> Internet   \$ <u>90</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>261</u> download <u>232</u> upload
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Robert Keene / Erika Doeseckle Address: 6830 Erdman Rd, Arena, WI 53503 Phone number: 608-924-3701 Email: <a href="mailto:erdoeseckle@gmail.com">erdoeseckle@gmail.com</a>	

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	<del>\$47.55</del> Internet <del>\$32.47</del> Landline Phone <del>\$163.57</del> Video \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	____ None ____ < 10 Mbps downstream ____ 11-25 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream 50 down 10 up max service at location ____ 51-99 Mbps downstream ____ 100 Mbps downstream or above ____ I don't know Copper lines, no plans to upgrade lines
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 10ms 49.44 down 9.82 up Mbps Mbps
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	____ 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream ____ 301-500 Mbps downstream ____ 501 Mbps downstream & above ____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	Karen Elert 4103 Bakken Stenli Rd, Black Earth, WI 53515 608 225 6715 elertki@gmail.com

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Internet connection will drop around once a day

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>36.98</u> Internet   \$ <u>32</u> Landline Phone \$ <u>0</u> Video   \$ <u>0</u> Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) down <u>1.39 mbps</u> Jitter <u>22 ms</u> up <u>.18 mbps</u> Ping <u>75 ms</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Eric R. Lewis</u> Address: <u>2026 Yahara Pl. MADISON WI 53704</u> Phone number: <u>608 244 0404</u> Email: <u>erlewis@wisc.edu</u>	

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2-24-22

Steffany Powell Coker  
 Secretary to the Commission  
 Public Service Commission of WI  
 4822 Madison Yards Way  
 N Tower - 6th Fl  
 Madison WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker:

As a resident in Iowa City, WI, ~~We are~~ sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC. We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Our current service does not allow us to participate adequately in the technical world.

Examples include:

- the cost of connectivity to the internet becomes prohibitive for our desired use.
- we cannot stream anything for any length of time without using all of our sim card capacity
- because of the pandemic, virtual school for



apply. See coupon on back.

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Hot spot phone</u>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	<u>\$100</u> Internet <u>\$ NA</u> Landline Phone <u>\$134</u> Video <u>\$ 30</u> Other (specify) <u>Hot spot phone</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <del>6-8 AM &amp; 8 AM</del> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <del>6-8 AM &amp; 8 AM</del> <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>46.50</u> <u>7:58 AM</u> / <u>12.14</u> <u>17.58</u> <u>7:55 PM</u> / <u>.43</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Virginia + Al Feist</u> Address: <u>7851 Lakeview Rd, Barneveld</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-2102</u> <u>53507</u> Email: <u>afeist9@gmail.com</u>	

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2/14/2022

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Stephany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, W.I. 53705-9100

Dear Ms. Coker,

I am sending this letter of support  
for the Broadband Expansion Grant and  
Mt. Houb Telephone Company (MHTC).  
I recently moved to a residence about  
6 miles from our previous home &  
we are able to muster only about  
13 Mbps downstream and we are  
not able to upload at all. While our  
previous home download speed was very  
slow at about 85 Mbps, we are  
quite handicapped for all internet  
usage. Often we are forced to use  
internet access at friend or families  
homes to set up billings or health  
over



Accounts and every day items.  
Please consider a grant for MHTC  
to ensure internet access & service  
to us and our neighbors.

Thank You

Jeffery D. Bell

4790 County Road F

Black Earth, WI 53515

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>65</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>14.6 Download / 1.1 Upload</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Jeff Bell</u> Address: <u>4790 Cty. Rd. F, Black Earth</u> Phone number: <u>608-575-9556</u> Email: <u>bellhouse@tds.net</u>	

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February 15, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mount Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Connectivity to internet at a speed that will not only support us today but into the future will be delivered by this project. We currently have no option to have our children attend virtual school or to work from home. This places our entire family at a disadvantage due to the current internet available at our location.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet in our area will allow us to have options for work, education and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Dees

7693 Lone Pine Rd Barneveld, WI 53507

[John.dees@rocketmail.com](mailto:John.dees@rocketmail.com)

608-216-8035

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Satellite phone</u>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>150</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ <u>50</u> Other (specify) <u>Satellite phone</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None _____ < 10 Mbps downstream _____ 11-25 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above _____ I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>28.50 Download</u> <u>717 ms Ping</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	_____ 1-100 Mbps downstream _____ 101-300 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above _____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <u>john.dees@rocketmail.com</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <u>608-216-8035</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>John Dees</u> Address: <u>7693 Lone Pine Rd Berneville</u> Phone number: <u>608-216-8035</u> Email: <u>john.dees@rocketmail.com</u>	

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February 13, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower - 6th Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Extension Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Extension Grant Application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

We built a home in Arena Township in Iowa County four years ago. Living in the country was our primary goal, but the lack of broadband internet options in our area creates significant challenges for us. We currently connect to the internet via cellular. I am a senior executive for UW Health and need to be able to work from home and to be able to be reliably contacted 24/7. The cellular service for our internet is highly variable which often results in dropped connections or slow speeds making it very challenging to work from home. In addition, our 17 year-old son faced significant challenges doing school work from home during the pandemic when school was only offered virtually. I would also note that in spite of having Dish Network satellite TV, we are not able to stream content or movies due to low bandwidth and buffering.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jonathan and Brooke Lewis  
8125 Sweeny Rd  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
[jplewis123@gmail.com](mailto:jplewis123@gmail.com)  
(608) 286-9841

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: -10px;"><i>We use AT&amp;T Cellular</i></div>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>50</u> Internet    \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ <u>117</u> Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: -10px;"><i>highly variable based on cellular signal</i></div>
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><i>19.78 / 6.01    Ping = 61</i></div>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <i>Jonathan Lewis</i> Address: Phone number: Email:	<i>Jonathan Lewis</i> <i>8125 Sweeney Rd.</i> <i>Barnesville, WI 53507</i> <i>608-286-9841</i> <i>JPLEWIS123@GMAIL.COM</i>

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*We are very motivated to get this service so if we*

02/21/2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6th Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Our household relies on Internet and our current options are extremely limited and expensive. Both my wife and I have been working from home during the pandemic and have been relying on our cell phones for Internet. There are data caps and we get throttled to lower speeds if we go over our small cap, but our only other option is dial-up, which is not an option in this day and age. There's no room for entertainment, the only thing we can use the Internet for is work or we go over the monthly limit.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Josh Lindemann

5277 Knobs Rd.  
Ridgeway, WI 53582  
[joshgl@gmail.com](mailto:joshgl@gmail.com)  
608 588-6706







February 16, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

When we moved to our property in Iowa county in 2017, we needed to have internet service and tried to find best options. The current provider for the area took our application and set an appointment to provide an install. The day of the install the technician showed up and explained he had bad news. Even though Frontier openly advertises service at my address it is not available. He went on to say that we in excess of 35,000 feet from the last potential "Node" and with only copper wire available we would hook up but would have zero service. Since then, they always advertise to us that internet is available, so we have set up several appointments for install only to have their truck pull in the drive look around and just leave without even talking to us.

The other issue at our place we zero cell phone service. We have a hard land line, and it only works from time to time. Again, any weather the lines goes out and we have no telephone until it "dries" out. We really need a way to communicate out in case of an emergency.

Since then, we have bounced back a fourth with satellite internet using both Hughes Net and Viasat. Both fail daily and drop service several times a day. During peak times we average download speeds of less than 12 mbps and upload speeds of less than 1.0 mbps. Any type of heavy cloud cover and weather we are left with zero service. We cannot use any steaming services and overall, our internet we get by with, but at a very low level.

So, we are very frustrated and find the cost of the services we are currently paying for is so very expensive. Hoping we can see more options soon as it is a quality of life as well as a safety issue.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Jeff and Julie McLean

5012 Pikes Peak Road

Ridgeway, WI 53582

[Jmclean510@gmail.com](mailto:Jmclean510@gmail.com)

608-924-1668

## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>80</u> Internet    \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None _____ < 10 Mbps downstream _____ 11-25 Mbps downstream _____ 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I don't know <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Its slow</i></div>
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency)
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	_____ 1-100 Mbps downstream _____ 101-300 Mbps downstream _____ 301-500 Mbps downstream _____ 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Jon Kann</u> Address: <u>8353 Pinnacle Rd</u> Phone number: <u>608-574-4466</u> Email: <u>JonKann11@gmail.com</u>	

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02/21/2022

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Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
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Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

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Our household relies on Internet and our current options are extremely limited and expensive. Both my wife and I have been working from home during the pandemic and have been relying on our cell phones for Internet. There are data caps and we get throttled to lower speeds if we go over our small cap, but our only other option is dial-up, which is not an option in this day and age. There's no room for entertainment, the only thing we can use the Internet for is work or we go over the monthly limit.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Josh Lindemann

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Ridgeway, WI 53582  
[joshgl@gmail.com](mailto:joshgl@gmail.com)  
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## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>37</u> Internet   \$ <u>43</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ <u>29</u> Other (specify) <u>Security, Storage</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) Ping: <u>50ms</u> Download <u>2.7 Mbps</u> Jitter: <u>1ms</u> Upload <u>0.8 Mbps</u>
5. What broadband speed would you <u>need</u> to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream - <u>Greater than 3 Mbps</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Ken Hummel</u> Address: <u>4779 County Rd HH, Barneveld, WI 53507</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-9705</u> Email: <u>ken.hummel@frontier.com</u>	

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14 February 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the underserved areas of our county.

Working from home, running a farm, maintaining technical skills through continuing education for professional licensure, and staying connected with family and friends has been challenging with our limited internet connection. Certain functions that others would consider essential are not available to us because they cause the connection to crash. In addition to the previously mentioned internet needs; we would also like an improved connection for home entertainment and research. As internet speeds for others increases, the data requirement for websites also increases. This makes our ability to access website information with our slow internet speed extremely challenging.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow rural residents to have better options for work, education, and communication.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature is "Ken Hummel" in a cursive script. The second signature is "Denise Hummel" in a similar cursive script.

Ken Hummel  
Denise Hummel  
4779 County Rd HH  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
Email: ken.hummel@frontier.com  
Telephone: 608-924-9705

February 17, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Powell Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County Wisconsin, rural Blue Mounds/Barneveld, I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC(Mount Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide much needed service to our unserved areas in our county.

We are currently getting our "broadband" service through Frontier, which is a disaster, to say the least. The download internet speed that is provided for us is at 1.0 Mbps which will not allow any ZOOM calls and has restricted financial transactions, such as bill paying, on line. There is no indication from Frontier to provide us with increased broadband speed due to our "rocky area" per Frontier tech service, while new lines were dug at Dodgeville, Spring Green and Arena. But not in the outlying rural areas with low density population.

Our internet service has been disrupted for periods of time as well. The latest time frame was 26 days straight in November and December 2021 without any internet. Very frequent phone calls to Frontier tech support were met with responses that the outage in our area was restored, our router/modem needs replacement (new modem received but did not rectify problem) and other futile attempts to correct the problem. Fortunately, we had the Frontier service line man's phone number to get an accurate and up to date status on rectifying the outage.

We are also experiencing Frontier land line issues during which we will be without land line service for up to three days without notification. With no cell phone service in our area, this led to a very precarious situation during which we had no access to emergency services. Our land line has extreme static and very poor connections for the last 20 years, due to "ground interference" per the Frontier line tech. In order to correct this problem through installing a booster, we would lose our internet service.

As you can see, we would welcome a new provider of broadband and telephone services with the customer's needs in mind. We would highly encourage you to consider a grant to MHTC to bring broadband service and a professional provider to our area. Please don't let us be forgotten. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Pusch & Robyn Buehl  
5472 County Road K  
Blue Mounds ,WI 53517  
[buehlpusch@frontier.com](mailto:buehlpusch@frontier.com) 608-924-1020



## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <u>THROUGH FRONTIER</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>52</u> Internet \$ <u>23</u> Landline Phone <u>FRONTIER</u> <u>#10 LONG DISTANCE SERVICE - THROUGH AT&amp;T</u> \$ _____ Video \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	____ None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <u>1.0</u> ____ 11-25 Mbps downstream ____ 26-50 Mbps downstream ____ 51-99 Mbps downstream ____ 100 Mbps downstream or above ____ I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>DOWN 1.05 Mbps</u> <u>UP 0.35 Mbps</u> <u>PING AT 70</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	____ 1-100 Mbps downstream ____ 101-300 Mbps downstream ____ 301-500 Mbps downstream ____ 501 Mbps downstream & above ____ I'm not sure <u>MINIMUM 25 FOR AT LEAST ZOOM CALL</u> <u>RECEPTION</u>
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>MOST DEFINITELY</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>KENT PUSCH &amp; ROBYN BUEHL</u> Address: <u>5472 COUNTY ROAD K</u> <u>BLUE MOUNDS</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-1020</u> Email: <u>buehlpusch@frontier.com</u>	<u>LAND LINE SERVICE IS TERRIBLE WITH GROUND</u> <u>INTERFERENCE FOR LAST 20 YEARS. CONSTANT BUZZ.</u> <u>INTERNET SERVICE (DSL) VERY SLOW (NO ZOOM)</u> <u>&amp; UNAVAILABLE FOR 2-4 WEEKS AT TIMES.</u> <u>LAND LINE DOWN FOR 2-3 DAYS WITHOUT EXPLANATION</u> <u>LEAVING NO ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES DUE</u> <u>TO LACK OF CELL COVERAGE IN OUR</u> <u>AREA.</u>

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to the unserved areas of our county.

As a couple that lives in the driftless area I am unable to get high speed internet OR cell service. My job is 100% remote and I am paying about \$1000 a month in rent/utilities etc just to be able to do my job as it requires fast internet. I also have to pay for a landline, satellite internet that doesn't allow us to stream/zoom from home and directTV. The amount of money I am paying to ensure our safety in the country, to be able to do my job and just have services people in town have at a fraction of the cost is ridiculous. Moreover in the winter when my roads are not plowed I have to grin and bear it to get to work because I can't do the work at home due to lack of quality internet. As a tax payer I am extremely disappointed that in 2022 I am still unable to get these services.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, entertainment, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerin and Logan Rue  
7310 Roberts Road, Arena, WI 53503  
[kerinrue@gmail.com](mailto:kerinrue@gmail.com)  
608-577-4868 (cell)  
608-753-2142 (landline)

## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>140</u> Internet    \$ <u>50</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video    \$ <u>180</u> Other (specify) <u>Direct TV</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>17.53 Mbps    Ping 709ms</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>would love to stop renting an office</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>for \$700/mo &amp; work from home instead</u>
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	<u>Kerlin Rve</u> <u>7310 Roberts Road, Arena, WI 53503</u> <u>608 577 4868</u> <u>Kerlin Rve@gmail.com</u>

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## ***We need your help!***

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MHTC is applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber service to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please follow these instructions and provide feedback to us by **Friday, 2/25/2022**.

### Instructions:

- 1) Please follow the internet survey on the back of this page and answer all questions.
- 2) Please document the speed of the current package you are currently subscribed and/or paying for:
  - a. For example, your bill should indicate if you are paying for 6Mbps/1 Mbps or 1.5 Mbps/768 Kbps, etc.
- 3) When going to <https://www.speedtest.net>, please pay close attention to both the download and upload speeds and latency results provided.
  - a. Perform the speed tests at a couple different times during the day
    - i. 6am-8am
    - ii. 6pm-8pm
- 4) Currently the grant area in question is mostly considered underserved/unserved but we would like you to contact your provider and ask a couple of questions related to broadband availability and whether or not upgrades are planned in the near future.:
  - a. Question 1: What is the maximum bandwidth/speed that you can provide at my address?
  - b. Question 2: Does (insert provider name here) have plans in the near future to provide fiber optic service to my address?
  - c. \*\*\*If the service provider indicates that there are no ports available and/or cannot provide service, please document, and provide that information\*\*\*
- 5) If you have had chronic trouble history and have documented it, that information would be useful as well for grant purposes.
- 6) We have provided a letter of support example. You can use this template and modify it to suit your individual experiences with your current internet service troubles. Please address the support letter to Steffany Powell Coker, but send to MHTC to include with our application.
  - a. If you do virtual learning, telehealth and/or telemedicine, and/or operate a business from your home or work from home, please indicate within the support letter and speak to the difficulties your current poor internet presents.
- 7) Mail your survey and letter to MHTC, PO Box 65, Mount Horeb, WI 53572 or email to [melissa.lease@mhtcinc.com](mailto:melissa.lease@mhtcinc.com) before 2/25/22.

## MHTC Internet Survey

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ _159.48__ Internet   \$ _60__ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None _____ < 10 Mbps downstream _____ 11-25 Mbps downstream <u>  x  </u> 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above <u>  x  </u> I don't know it varies a lot. I thought it was supposed to always be above 35
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 43 Mbps, 5Mbps upload at 11am on a Thursday. 5-50 range experienced at different times of day at our house for downstream
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	_____ 1-100 Mbps downstream _____ 101-300 Mbps downstream <u>  X  </u> 301-500 Mbps downstream _____ 501 Mbps downstream & above _____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	Kimberly Alan 4899 Pikes Peak Rd. Ridgeway, WI 53582 608-937-9087 Kimberly.kolden@gmail.com

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02/24/2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
 Secretary to the Commission  
 Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
 4822 Madison Yards Way  
 North Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Powell Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). I am in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

I currently serve as an Iowa County Board Member and work full time as a police officer in the City of Madison. As a part of these roles, I need to be able to attend Zoom meetings from my residence. On numerous occasions I have been unable to attend meetings or my participation has been hindered by the poor connectivity through our current service – satellite internet through Viasat. This Viasat service is the only service available other than other satellite providers who are slower. We pay \$160 per month for this service and it is terrible.

There is no cellular coverage where we live, so unlimited data plans over phone networks are also not an option. This is due to the landscape where we live, large changes in topography prevent any line of sight to a cell phone tower.

Several Iowa County Board Members pointed to Starlink as the best solution for us Driftless Region folks... well the chip shortage has really sent that business plan for a loop. Our family has been on the waiting list for a year and a half with no end in sight. Even if we did get the Starlink service, this MHTC fiber will no doubt be more reliable with no weather issues and no need to beam our service into space, then a tower and finally to a fiber line.

During the height of the pandemic and now during ice storm/snow days, this lack of good internet speed has also hindered my children's ability to participate in their zoom sessions with teachers and primary care physicians. If we had better internet options, not only would my children receive better services, they would also be safer being able to participate over the web versus having to go in person to appointments and school sessions should there be another variant outbreak.

We have also noticed as a family that we are being left out of cultural opportunities as well. Friends from urban areas talk about shows and services we do not have access to since we cannot stream our internet video. Should where we live really be limiting our participation in these cultural opportunities?

This is also an equity issue. We are lucky we can afford \$160 per month but I'm guessing most people with a young family cannot. To say this is a huge barrier and problem is an understatement – talk about

a major equity issue that is undoubtedly affecting minorities and women at a disproportionate rate.

There are already so many barriers to me as a female working in a male-dominated profession and serving on a board where you guessed it, it's mostly male – this technology barrier is having a significant impact on my ability to succeed in these roles. I see this grant application from MHTC as a real opportunity for rural women to participate more in leadership roles if they are finally allowed to have access to reasonably priced and fast internet services.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAlan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kimberly Alan  
4899 Pikes Peak Rd.  
Ridgeway, WI 53582  
Kimberly.kolden@gmail.com  
608-937-9087



February 17, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, Wisconsin. I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC. We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

I live out in the country and luckily on a hill top. Thanks to MHTC creativity, I've been able to obtain wireless internet from MHTC after we placed a discarded telephone pole in the back of our property. The MHTC hardware attached to the top of that pole catches the signal bouncing off the Barneveld water tower. The service has been reliable and adequate up to now for two senior citizens for basic internet access. We are looking to utilize more devices and streaming features; right now our only option for video is high priced satellite companies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lori Schobert  
7625 Lone Pine Rd  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
608.574.5830

## MHTC Internet Survey

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Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>50</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ <u>165</u> Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream _____ 11-25 Mbps downstream _____ 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above _____ I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>4.50</u> Down } 3p.m. <u>4.72</u> } 10a.m. <u>2.15</u> Up <u>2.06</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream _____ 101-300 Mbps downstream _____ 301-500 Mbps downstream _____ 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Address: Phone number: Email:	<u>Lori Schobert</u> <u>7625 Lone Pine Rd, Barnaveld</u> <u>608.574.5830</u> <u><del>Lone Pine</del> Lorid-75@yahoo.com</u>

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February 13, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

RE: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

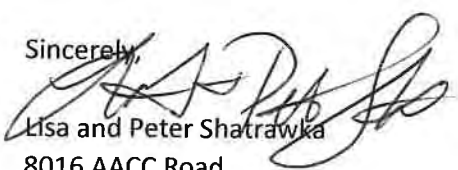
As a resident in rural Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county and to improve the failing served areas.

Since we live out in the country we have very limited options for internet broadband services. We currently use Frontier as they are our only option for landline telephone service. We receive Frontier Broadband internet services through a DSL line via a modem. This service has never been adequate for our needs and since the pandemic hit with two children doing online schooling at home and my husband working from home, it only got worse. Our children had to use their cell phones as hot spots to gain internet access. My husband continues to work at home several days a week and during those times I am unable to obtain adequate internet services through Frontier. I have had Frontier come out many times over the years to try to solve the problem, but it never gets solved long term. Our neighbors share this sentiment as we often speak when the service goes down. Many times we have no service. I've looked into satellite and US cellular for internet services but it is too costly. I have called MHTC numerous times over the years to see if they offer any DSL services at our location with no avail. When we first moved here 30 years ago we used MHTC for our phone service and dial up internet. We also use the internet for streamlining services, but cannot maintain a constant connection or poor connection to the poor services of Frontier. I have researched other options many times over the years and nothing is viable due to our location.

Please help out our rural community and approve a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. We would sign up for it immediately. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to be more productive when working from home and virtual schooling. It will also make our daily internet needs flow more smoothly as we often have to reboot our modem daily due to poor connectivity issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa and Peter Shatrawka

8016 AACC Road  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
608-924-1373

*Peter, Lisa Shatrawka @frontier.com*

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>38</u> Internet    \$ <u>52</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) Down <u>1.15 mbps</u> Up <u>158 mbps</u> Ping <u>162 ms</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone number: _____ Email: _____	

**Lisa Shatrawka**  
 8016 Aacc Rd.  
 Barneveld, WI 53507-9532

608 924 1373

peter.lisa.shatrawka@frontier.com

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>150</u> Internet    \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">             2.31                      .71           </div>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>John Lieberman/Tim Lieberman</u> Address: <u>4791 CTR Rd K Blue Mounds WI</u> Phone number: <u>—</u> Email: <u>—</u>	

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February 13, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6th Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

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Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

We had internet with Frontier but it was not strong enough for our renter to work from home. The software provided from her employer required a higher speed internet service in order to perform properly. They pursued a satellite internet provider which worked okay most of the time but was very expensive. The renter situation has changed and we would like to go back to Frontier service. Unfortunately, Frontier informed us that there are no ports remaining and therefore cannot provide service to the address. There are no other options for internet service in our area.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education and communication for the rural residents.

Sincerely,



Timothy Liebmann  
4791 County Road K (Rental House)  
tliebmann@wisc.edu  
(608) 924-1153

## MHTC Internet Survey

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>35</u> Internet   \$ <u>45</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
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5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Tim + Terri Liebmann</u> Address: <u>4777 CTY RD K Blue Mounds WI 53517</u> Phone number: <u>608 924 1153</u> Email: _____	

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Stephany Powell Coker  
4822 Madison Gardens Way  
Madison, WA 98705-9100  
RE: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Mr. Coker,

As a resident of Iowa County, WI I am sending this letter of support for Broadband Expansion Grant application by Mt. Horeb Telephone Company, MHTC. We are in full support of this to provide service to our underserved County.

We are senior citizens and depend on our landline phone and internet to communicate with our family and medical needs. We also enjoy the entertainment it provides.

Right now, we have been without internet & landline because our provider, AT&T has been unable to fix whatever problem has happened with our computer to deny us access. This is a chronic problem with our provider. It has now been a month that AT&T has been unable to get us back on line.

It is also the reason I have had to hand write this letter.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us better options for rural residents. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Ron & Carolyn Behuke

RONALD + CAROLYN BEHUKKE  
5325 RICKEY RD.  
BARNEVELD, WI 53507  
ronandcarea@gmail.com  
608.924.9505 - CELL 608.319.6860



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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>17.00</u> Internet    \$ _____ Landline Phone - <u>\$17.00 FOR BOTH</u> \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I don't know
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7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>RON BEHNKE</u> Address: <u>5325 RICKEY</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-9505 CELL - 608-319-6860</u> Email: <u>ronandcare@gmail.com</u>	

\*This form does not commit you to receive any services from MHTC - AT&T Our provider is most unsatisfactory. Right now, we have been without internet all of this month. They are unable to find & fix the problem. This is a chronic problem with them.

2/23/2022

Steffens Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower-6th Floor  
Madison, WI. 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

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Our current Internet service is SLOW at Best. December we were completely without internet service for 3 days; January 7 days; and so far in February we have not had service for 2 1/2 days. Thank goodness we do not work from home or have school age children - I'm not sure what we would do. This project would provide us with reliable service at a much faster speed, and possibly allow us to enjoy the benefits of home entertainment that so many are enjoying.

Please consider a grant to an MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable Internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Dan Bowe*  
*Ronda Bowe*

Dan & Ronda Bowe  
7689 Lone Pine Rd.  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
rdbowe@frontier.com  
608-924-2082

## MHTC Internet Survey

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>X</u> Internet   \$ <u>X</u> Landline Phone = \$140.00 approx. \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream   1 Mbps — they told me max. available is 18 Mbps — why aren't they encouraging me to have more — I would have no idea <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 2/22/2022 = Download 2.54 / Upload 0.29 / Ping MS = 50   7:40pm 2/23/2022:   2.38 / 0.32 / 371   7:27am
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Dan + Ronda Bowe Address: 7689 Lone Pine Rd Phone number: 608-924-2082 Email: rdbowe@frontier.com	When asking frontier if they have plans for fiber optic at my address: Yes, but don't know when; maybe this year or next year.

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February 22, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower-6th Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

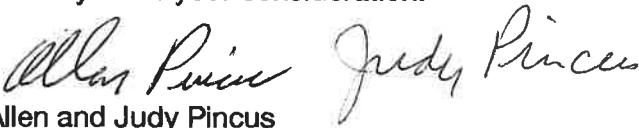
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My wife and I are both in our eighties and live in a rural area. Since it is difficult for us to get around, we are increasingly dependent on the internet to stay connected to family and friends, to shop, to participate in community groups, and do televisits with our doctor.

We have been very dissatisfied with Frontier Communications, our current DSL internet provider. Although they charge us for 6 Mbps of service, we get less than 0.5 Mbps. We have complained about this several times but are told this is the best they can do. We are the last house on their service line and they have no plans to upgrade. Their service is very poor with frequent interruptions on our internet connection. We have to travel 20 miles to the public library in Mt. Horeb to use their internet so we can participate in Zoom meetings. Our home internet service is not fast enough to support Zoom meetings.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable service in our area will be a lifeline for us.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Allen and Judy Pincus  
7836 Lakeview Road  
Barneveld, Wisconsin 53507  
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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <del>14.95</del> Internet    \$ <u>65.00</u> Landline Phone <u>36.00</u> \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>Download 0.17 Mbps</u> <u>Ping ms 102</u> <u>Upload 0.38 Mbps</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Allen Pincus</u> Address: <u>7836 Lakeview Road</u> <u>Barneveld 53507</u> Phone number: <u>608 924 1509</u> Email: <u>↑</u>	

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>23</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
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Contact Information Name: <u>Michael Poellmann</u> Address: <u>5558 County Road K 53517</u> Phone number: <u>217-766-6647</u> Email: <u>mike.poellmann@gmail.com</u>	<u>Currently have Viasat</u> <u>On wait list for Starlink, but have questions</u> <u>about their long-term viability. I would</u> <u>much rather have a local, wired provider!!!</u>

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2/12/2022

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Secretary to the Commission  
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Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker

As a resident of Arena Township in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). I am in full support of this fiber optic broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Available internet service to my home address and the entire rural area near me has always been problematic from the early days of the internet when the only option was a landline dialup modem. Most rural residents are too far from the landline central office to get DSL internet service. Later on, there was suffering through several iterations of marginally better internet service from Hughesnet or Viasat satellite systems. My current service provider is Starlink (a low earth orbit satellite internet service provider). I have had the Starlink internet service since March and it is actually OK considering the alternatives, but it is expensive, still has problems during bad weather and it will not be scalable to serve every rural resident that wants decent internet service, especially if Starlink remains the only decent option available to rural residents. The only real solution to the problem of rural internet access requires something analogous to the rural electrification program in the 1930s. Every residential address regardless of location needs something equivalent to a fiber optic internet connection. A decent internet connection is not a luxury, but a necessity in the modern world much like everyone needs reliable electricity and water.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education and communications for all rural residents.

Sincerely,

Mark Rauls  
7960 Sweeny Rd.  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
608-438-0917

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4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>91 Mbps / 12 Mbps   43 ms latency</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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Contact Information Name: <u>Mark Rauls</u> Address: <u>7960 Sweeny Rd. Barneveld, WI 53597</u> Phone number: Email: <u>woodman422@gmail.com</u>	

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>34</u> Internet    \$ <u>41</u> Landline Phone \$ <u>0</u> Video    \$ <u>98</u> Other (specify) <u>cellular</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 9:45 a.m. <del>1.35 Mbps</del> 1.45 Mbps down 3:45 pm .7 Mbps .5 up 48 ms latency
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>David Swedlund</u> Address: <u>4889 County Hwy T, Barneveld WI 53507</u> Phone number: <u>608-924-9163</u> Email: <u>davidcharlanne@mhtc.net</u>	

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## CURRENT DATE

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(IN THIS PARAGRAPH, PLEASE INCLUDE A PERSONAL REASON YOU COULD BENEFIT FROM MORE BANDWIDTH. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE FROM ANOTHER RESIDENT.) *Connectivity to the internet at a speed that will not only support us today, but well into the future will be delivered by this project. Our children now use the internet daily to attend virtual school. Two adults are also working from home, using the internet to connect to the office, etc. Our connection also provides us access to home entertainment that is always delivered through our internet connection.*

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Henner*

Name *PAT HENNER*  
 Address *5816 CR-14, ARENA, WI 53503*  
 Email *PATHENNER164@GMAIL.COM*  
 Phone *608-753-2900*

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>600</u> Internet    \$ <u>65</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video    \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
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4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) DOWN: 27.8 (12-43)    PING = 650 (AVE) UP: 0 - 22 DWN: 63 MBPS    UP: 475 Kbps    PING 89ms
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>DEPENDING UPON COST</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>this would represent a 100% or more improvement</u>
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>PAT HERNER</u> Address: <u>5816 CR-H, ARENA, WI 53503</u> Phone number: <u>608-753-2900</u> Email: <u>PHERNER164@GMAIL.COM</u>	

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**IMPORTANT:** The service we have received from Hughes has been TERRIBLE but have had no alternative. FRONTIER phone service has been so bad we fired them once but again

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ ____ Internet   \$ ____ Landline Phone \$ ____ Video   \$ ____ Other (specify) ____
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Contact Information Name: <u>Rich Henderson</u> <u>The Prairie Enthusiasts</u> <u>8624 Reilly Rd</u> Address: <u>2845 Timber Lane, Verona 53593</u> <u>Barneveld, WI</u> Phone number: Email: <u>rpe.rhenderson@tds.net</u>	

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3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>6 mps upload</u> <u>82 mps download</u> <u>89 ms latency</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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Contact Information Name: <u>Roger James</u> Address: <u>4870 Ridge View Rd Barneveld</u> Phone number: <u>608 206 1710</u> Email: <u>rljames212@gmail.com</u>	

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Connectivity to the internet at a speed that will not only support us today, but well into the future will be delivered by this project. Lack of reliable highspeed internet at affordable prices has impacted our household in significant ways since moving here in 1995. We feel like we are being left behind as family and friends that live in towns and cities can freely connect with each other via video conference and stream educational and recreational content. Inconsistent and unreliable cell phone reception in our rural area compound our internet access problems. Our society is aggressively switching over to health care services, social media and entertainment that requires viable, reliable, and affordable streaming capability, and our household is being left behind. We pay about double for our various services with much less capacity and reliability as do people living in towns and cities.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Gamradt & Randall Reuter

Name: Julie Gamradt & Randall Reuter  
Address: 8136 Allgwen Road  
Email: Jgamradt1@mac.com  
Phone: 608-924-1614



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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	<i>\$7600</i> Internet <i>\$32</i> Landline Phone <i>\$12</i> Video <i>\$</i> Other (specify) <i>deal for 2 years</i>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service? <i>(I pass Viaseat Plan 12gb in a few days) Liberty 12-Boost 25+ + free zone (2AM-6AM)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <i>after I use the 12 GB of priority data, Speeds vary wildly particularly at high traffic times</i>
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a> <i>attached printouts</i>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <i>tested in AM : 9:51AM 23.87 download</i> <i>" " PM : 8:00PM 2.35 download</i>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs? <i>want to use video doorbells, etc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure <i>I want to be able to stream reliably without limits and also reliably video conference</i>
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <i>Julie Gamradt</i> Address: <i>3136 Allglen Rd., Barneveld, WI 53507</i> Phone number: <i>608-219-8484</i> Email: <i>jgamradt1@mac.com</i>	<i>→ jgamradt1@mac.com</i>

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>60</u> Internet   \$ <u>35</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None _____ < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream   11.5-12 _____ 26-50 Mbps downstream _____ 51-99 Mbps downstream _____ 100 Mbps downstream or above _____ I don't know
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5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream _____ 101-300 Mbps downstream _____ 301-500 Mbps downstream _____ 501 Mbps downstream & above _____ I'm not sure
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3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
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5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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<b>Contact Information</b> Name: <u>STEVE HUTSON</u> Address: <u>4733 OLD INDIAN TR.</u> Phone number: <u>608-767-2533</u> Email: <u>SDHUT@YAHOO.COM</u>	<u>BLACK EARTH, WI 53515</u>

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2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>37</u> Internet   \$ <u>35</u> Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
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5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
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7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>Jeff + Greg Heus</u> Address: <u>7910 Lakeview Rd, Barneveld WI</u> Phone number: <u>53507</u> Email:	

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February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker

As residents of Iowa County, Wisconsin we are sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved area of our county.

Fast and reliable internet connectivity is crucial to the functioning of our home in Iowa County. We currently have metered satellite internet and we pay for the highest data limit the company offers. My wife is a director of a non-profit and works 3-4 days a week from home. Between video conference calls, work responsibilities and personal use our monthly internet data lasts 10-14 days. When we have run out of our allotted internet data our download and upload speeds are dramatically scaled back making many of her work requirements impossible. We also need the internet to make phone calls. We have switched cell providers and installed a cell booster to strengthen the signal, but we still struggle to get quality service. We pay for a (satellite) landline phone number through our internet provider, but it is victim to the same connectivity issues we have with the dish. In the event of severe weather, we fear we will not have access to emergency services. Our connection also provides us access to home entertainment that is always delivered through our internet connection.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jordan and Tom Rozeske  
5284 County Road K  
Blue Mounds, WI 53517  
Email: [tom.rozeske@gmail.com](mailto:tom.rozeske@gmail.com) and [jlsconfig82@gmail.com](mailto:jlsconfig82@gmail.com)  
Phone: 715-210-4529 and 309-368-6233

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet \$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone } total \$151.05 \$ _____ Video \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	____ None ____ < 10 Mbps downstream ____ 11-25 Mbps downstream ____ 26-50 Mbps downstream ____ 51-99 Mbps downstream ____ 100 Mbps downstream or above ____ I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) Ping 80 Download .82 Upload .45 Mbps
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream ____ 101-300 Mbps downstream ____ 301-500 Mbps downstream ____ 501 Mbps downstream & above ____ I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Vermont Lutheran Church Address: 9886 Vermont Church Rd Black Earth, WI 53515 Phone number: (608) 767-3312 Email: Vermont_church@tds.net	

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February 24, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in Iowa County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

Our current level of internet service is marginally acceptable for conducting virtual business meetings. Sometimes we must travel to better service areas to upload or download large files. This situation will progressively get worse as video livestreaming becomes more popular and necessary.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wayne Kolden  
4940 Pikes Peak Rd  
Ridgeway, WI  
Email: [k19681978@gmail.com](mailto:k19681978@gmail.com)  
605-660-4382

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ _65__ Internet   \$ 30____ Landline Phone  \$ ____ Video   \$ ____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 45 down- 50 up
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email: k19681978@gmail.com <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Wayne Kolden Address: 4940 Pikes Peak Road, Ridgeway, WI Phone number: 605-660-4382 Email: k19681978@gmail.com	

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February 15, 2021

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As residents in Iowa County, Wisconsin, and part of the Driftless area, we are sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). WE are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

We live in the Driftless area where the hills block reception immensely. We started up with dial up 25 years ago and moved to satellite dish for each service - internet and cable TV, which has been a slight improvement from Dial up. However, when we have storms, rain, snow our satellite reception is severely affected more often than not usable. Our cell phones do not work (unable to call or take calls) where we live, so we are still using landline and many times during a storm we lose connection on our phone because of the degraded wire service in this area. We have been hit by tornadoes before and totally unaware they are coming as we have no connection to weather forecasts, tornado watches. We are in the fabrication business where detailed drawings and schematics are passed back and forth via our internet many times a day. When the dish is down because of storms, connections are shoddy and we need to follow up with a phone call to make sure the receiving party got all of our information that we sent. We are paying separately for all the services (internet, cable TV, cell phone and landline) and it is expensive and we can't afford to pay anymore. There are simply not any other options for connections to outside than what we have presently. If we have fiber to our house, all our problems would be obliterated and be a much safer place to live.

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wayne and Janet Pedder  
5268 County Road H  
Ridgeway, WI 53582  
[1hydein@gmail.com](mailto:1hydein@gmail.com)  
608-924-2113 (landline)

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<del>SATELLITE DISH</del> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>(VERIZON) CELL</u> <u>TV</u>
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>95</u> Internet \$ <u>55</u> Landline Phone \$ <u>150</u> Video \$ <u>140</u> Other (specify) <u>CELL</u>
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <u>12 mbsp</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) <u>See other side</u>
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <u>?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: <u>JANET / WAYNE PEDDER</u> Address: <u>5268 COUNTY RD H</u> Phone number: <u>608 924 2113 (Land line)</u> Email: <u>1hydein@gmail.com</u>	

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March 11, 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison WI 53705

RE: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident of Brigham Township in Iowa County, Wisconsin, I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by Mt. Horeb Telephone Company (MHTC). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved/underserved area of our county.

In our rural neighborhood, we struggle with patchy connectivity, days without service, and painfully slow speeds that don't even allow the most basic household needs. We have two adults and one adult son in our home. I also work out of the home as a Real Estate Agent. Our son was finishing his last two years of high school at home. Since he was unable to open certain virtual assignments including videos and had such poor connections with lagging on zoom meetings, his teachers had to come up with alternate assignments, and drive them out to our home for him to complete. Currently, we can only have one person/device on at a time. If I am trying to send a legal contract to a client for my real estate business, I have to go to each person to make sure their phones are off in order for my files to send. They also take up to 10 minutes to send. Sometimes I get error messages due to timing out. I also have extreme lagging on virtual team meetings, which you can imagine, annoys all 30 colleagues! My husband would like to watch Netflix, but the lagging is so bad, it is seldom possible. If my son is trying to play an Xbox One game with his friends, everyone else has to be off their devices. If his system has an update, it will take up to a week to download. He gets so frustrated, he drives his system all the way to his sister's house in Sauk County to complete it in an hour. My older children have said they don't visit often, because there is "nothing to do," and since they are Millennials, they are correct, as everything in their lives involves connectivity with acceptable speeds. I could go on with many examples as we have lived in the same place for over 20 years. Our carrier has said there are no more ports, and they will never provide fiber to our neighborhood, so we are extremely hopeful MHTC might be able to change our lives for the better!

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow our household to function regarding work, education, communication, and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tonya M. Archie  
7684 Lone Pine Road  
Barneveld WI 53507  
[taarchie@frontier.com](mailto:taarchie@frontier.com)  
608-434-1620 (cell)  
608-924-1655 (landline)

## MHTC Internet Survey

MHTC is Applying for funding from WI PSC Broadband Grant program. If awarded, this funding will allow MHTC to bring fiber to your location. If you are interested in receiving MHTC broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Landline Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ <u>70</u> Internet   \$ _____ Landline Phone \$ _____ Video   \$ _____ Other (specify) _____
3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 51-99 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. Please follow this link to perform a speed test, <a href="https://www.speedtest.net/">https://www.speedtest.net/</a>	Results of speed test (Document speed down/up and latency) 13.1 down, 7.1 up, latency 23ms
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your business or personal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-100 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 101-300 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 301-500 Mbps downstream <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 Mbps downstream & above <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from MHTC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer
Contact Information Name: Narayan Nayar Address: 5318 Rickey Road, Barneveld Phone number: 708.714.7339 Email: etherfarm@nayar.net	

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March 1 2022

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
North Tower- 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705-9100

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant

Dear Ms. Coker,

As a resident in (INSERT YOUR COUNTY HERE) County, Wisconsin I am sending this letter of support for the Broadband Expansion Grant application by MHTC (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company). We are in full support of this fiber broadband deployment to provide service to some of the unserved areas of our county.

We moved to Barneveld and Wisconsin from the Chicago area at the start of the pandemic. I had signed up for satellite internet but it was clear that remote schooling was not going to be possible with that little bandwidth. By cobbling together cellular devices, signal amplifiers, and hotspots, I was able to put together a small network that allowed all of us to work or attend school remotely. It was during this time that the problem of rural broadband became clear to me. Attaining a reliable, fast connection would allow us to not cross our fingers when we are working remotely and on a Zoom call and would allow us to not have to go to the library to download movies from the parking lot. And it would allow our children to remain in contact with their friends (something that has been very difficult for them).

Please consider a grant to MHTC to bring fiber broadband service to our area. Having fast and reliable internet service in our area will allow us to have better options for work, education, and communication for the rural residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Narayan Nayar  
Etherfarm, LLC  
5318 Rickey Road  
Barneveld, WI 53507  
etherfarm@nayar.net  
708.714.7339



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March 2, 2022

Mr. John Van Ooyen  
CEO/General Manager  
Mount Horeb Telephone Company  
P.O. Box 65  
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Re: Expression of Interest in Potential Financing

Dear Mr. Ooyen:

This letter is provided to your organization by Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative ("RTFC") as an expression of its interest in providing a financing package totaling \$3,000,000 million for the purpose of interim financing.

RTFC is a private, non-profit financing cooperative organized to arrange and secure financing for its members and patrons for the planning, initiation and execution of their programs, projects and undertakings.

This letter is not a final loan commitment, but is merely intended as a basis for continuing discussions between the parties. Issuance of a final loan commitment is conditioned upon RTFC completing the necessary due diligence and obtaining certain internal approvals.

If a final loan commitment is issued, closing will be conditioned upon execution of usual and customary loan documents containing terms, conditions, covenants, representations, conveyances of collateral and legal opinions acceptable to RTFC and its attorneys. Nothing set forth herein, nor does any statement or representation made by any employee of RTFC obligate RTFC to approve, commit to, or close any loan or extension of credit.

Neither your organization nor any third party should rely on this letter as evidence that a loan commitment will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (703) 624-1209.

Sincerely,

Alex Knapp  
Associate Vice President and Account Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-322****RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE  
THE DEPLOYMENT OF AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET  
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services, including for residential, commercial, and governmental use, provides enhanced educational possibilities, furthers workforce development opportunities, and stimulates economic development within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's residents increasingly depend on their ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to improve their economic and financial position, to enhance their social networking capabilities, and to meet their basic consumer needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's businesses rely on their ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to effectively compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's ability to timely deliver cost-effective governmental services to its residents, including emergency medical services and law enforcement protection, is enhanced by its ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, along with its residents and businesses, desire expanded access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to effectively deliver basic services to its residents, to more fully engage in commerce, and to better compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's topography and population density has made it cost-prohibitive for private sector development of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, many areas of the County have limited or no access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to develop and implement a plan to facilitate the provision of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services to residents and businesses throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, MH Telecom, LLC, doing business as MHTC, is an ISP with experience providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services to underserved and unserved communities throughout Wisconsin for commercial, governmental, and emergency response purposes; and



**WHEREAS**, MHTC is able to and desires to assist the County with the development of a plan to facilitate the deployment of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County believes that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to work together for the mutual benefit of the County's residents, businesses, government, and emergency responders by jointly developing a plan to facilitate the provision of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or his designee, to enter into a Public-Private Partnership agreement, in accordance with Iowa County Policy 309, by executing a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), attached as **Exhibit A**, with MHTC expressing the Parties' desire and intent to develop a plan to construct, develop, and deploy high-speed internet infrastructure to facilitate the provision of affordable, reliable, high-speed internet services throughout the County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs staff to immediately enter into negotiations with MHTC to develop a comprehensive plan, including all necessary agreements and other documentation, setting forth all relevant aspects necessary for the parties to jointly, or in partnership, construct, develop, and deploy high-speed internet infrastructure throughout the County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs staff to immediately take steps to develop and prepare not later than March 17, 2022, a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, or similar grant application, as appropriate, including all necessary agreements and other documentation, in partnership with MHTC, for anticipated joint submission to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin not later than March 17, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all plans, applications, and Agreements referenced herein shall not become effective unless and until each has received approval by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Iowa County's General Code of Ordinances and/or as otherwise required by law.

Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

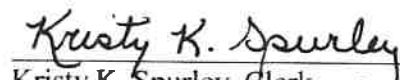
Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



John M. Meyers, Chairman

Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk

Iowa County

**EXHIBIT A**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN AND MHTC ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-  
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF AFFORDABLE,  
RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made and entered into this 15th day of March, 2022, by and between IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN (the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin with its principal office located at 222 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, 53533; and MH Telecom, LLC, doing business as MHTC, a Wisconsin corporation certified by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as an Alternative Telecommunications Utility to provide telecommunications service in Wisconsin with its principal office located at 305 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, 53533 (collectively, the "Parties").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County, a certified Broadband Forward! Community, seeks to promote the development of affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service within its boundaries for the public purpose of supporting its residents' desired quality of life and its businesses' need to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County believes that the economic activity and public benefits likely to be generated by studying, analyzing, developing, and, ultimately, providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has areas that are underserved or unserved by affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to expand its residents' and businesses' access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has requested to partner with MHTC, in accordance with Iowa County Policy 309, to establish a Public-Private Partnership agreement to produce and implement a plan that will result in the development and deployment of affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service throughout the County (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, MHTC is an ISP with experience providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband access to underserved and unserved communities throughout Wisconsin for commercial, governmental, and emergency response purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties intend that the County, with MHTC as its private-sector partner, may develop and submit, not later than March 17, 2022, a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, or similar application, to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (the "PSC") in furtherance of the expansion of broadband service throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to enter into negotiations with MHTC to develop and implement a plan to provide affordable, high-speed broadband service throughout the County (the "Broadband Expansion Plan"), subject only to those limitations under the County's ordinances and Wisconsin and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties acknowledge that this MOU is merely a representation of the Parties' desire to develop, construct and provide broadband services throughout the County and does not constitute an authorization, express or otherwise, for the County to construct, own, or operate any facility for providing video service, telecommunications service, or broadband service, directly or indirectly, to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties acknowledge that the terms of this MOU may be subject to modification in order to assure compliance with the County's ordinances, state regulatory agencies' guidance and rules, and Wisconsin and federal law.

The Parties to this MOU acknowledge the foregoing recitals and agree to participate in and perform the following actions:

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- I. Preliminary Agreement. This MOU is a preliminary agreement between the Parties and, unless expressly stated otherwise, is not intended to create a binding agreement to finance, provide, maintain, develop, construct, or otherwise obligate the Parties to build or operate a broadband network within the County.
- II. Parties' Support for the Project. Notwithstanding any law, rule, guidance, ordinance, or conflicting provision contained herein, the Parties do hereby express support for the provisions contained within this MOU. The Parties acknowledge that the Project may not materialize despite their best efforts.
- III. Good Faith Negotiations. The Parties agree to identify and pursue all reasonable alternatives to effect the intent of this MOU and, where possible, take affirmative steps to implement those alternatives. The Parties further agree to voluntarily comply with the provisions of this MOU and, upon approval of the Broadband Expansion Plan by both Parties' respective governing bodies, negotiate in good faith to finalize and adopt a Final Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement that is separate and distinct from this MOU and which authorizes the Parties to construct and operate an affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County.
- IV. Preliminary Costs. The Parties agree that unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing, each Party will be responsible for its own expenses incurred in furtherance of this MOU.
- V. Public Purpose. The Parties acknowledge that the expansion of broadband service throughout the County will provide a public benefit to the County, its residents, and its businesses. Accordingly, the Parties agree to cooperate with one another, and diligently undertake all reasonable actions and execute all reasonable efforts to secure funding to advance the Project.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

- VI. Preliminary Preparations. The Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to independently and collaboratively engage all stakeholders necessary to study, analyze, and execute the provisions of this MOU, including, but not limited to, the PSC, industry stakeholders, telecommunications providers, financial advisors, legal counsel, and other professionals, as necessary to realize the Project.
- VII. Broadband Expansion Grant Application. The Parties agree to work collaboratively to jointly prepare a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, or similar application, with the intent to submit the completed Broadband Expansion Grant Application (the "Application") to the PSC no later than March 17, 2022.
- VIII. Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan. The Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to develop a Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan, the purpose of which shall be to describe, locate, develop, and deploy reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband service throughout the County. The Parties agree to work together to jointly develop the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and the complete Application.
- IX. Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan Approval. After developing the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and complete Application, the Parties shall submit the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and complete Application to their respective governing bodies for consideration and approval.
- X. Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. Should both Parties' respective governing bodies approve the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and complete Application, the Parties shall submit the complete Application to the PSC. Should the PSC award the Parties' the requested grant amount, the Parties shall use reasonable efforts to negotiate the specific terms of the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan in a Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. Development, approval, and execution of the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement shall be separate and distinct from this MOU and shall be subject to and conditioned upon successful negotiations between the Parties and approval by both Parties' respective governing bodies.
- XI. Costs. Parties acknowledge that all costs borne by the Parties in executing this MOU shall be the sole liability of the Party that incurred the costs, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- XII. Duration and Termination. The Parties are entitled to terminate this MOU immediately upon written notice to the other Party. Unless one or both Parties, or a court of law, terminates or invalidates this MOU, this MOU shall remain in full force and effect until the Parties' obligations described hereunder are completed.



- XIII. Non-Binding Effect. The Parties acknowledge that unless expressly stated otherwise, this MOU is not a binding agreement, and the obligations and rights of the Parties are yet to be negotiated and memorialized through the adoption of the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. The Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement shall not become effective unless and until it is approved by both Parties' respective governing bodies.
- XIV. Disclaimer. The Parties acknowledge that this MOU does not obligate either Party to provide, construct, finance, or develop a broadband network within the County or to execute a Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. The Parties further acknowledge that the provisions of this MOU shall not be relied upon nor construed as an inducement for either party to take any action(s) or incur any costs not explicitly set forth by this MOU.
- XV. Representations and Warranties. The Parties acknowledge that this MOU does not create a financial obligation between the Parties. The Parties further acknowledge that this MOU does not guarantee completion of the Broadband Expansion Plan or execution of a Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. Nor does this MOU represent a financing guarantee between a potential lender and a potential buyer. Any financing terms referenced in this MOU shall become effective only upon the development and ratification of the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement by both Parties' respective governing bodies. The Parties acknowledge that the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement is separate and distinct from this MOU.
- XVI. Confidentiality. Because of the competitive nature of the broadband industry, the County acknowledges that certain information MHTC provides to the County may be proprietary and, if specified as such, should be treated by the County as confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties unless required by law.
- XVII. Amendments. This MOU may not be amended or modified, except in writing, by mutual agreement of the Parties.
- XVIII. Governing Law. This MOU is intended to be performed in the State of Wisconsin and shall be construed and enforced by the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
- XIX. Counterparts. This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which together shall be one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the execution of this MOU by the authority of their respective governing bodies and/or authorized signatory as an expression of the Parties' formal intent.

**[Signature pages follow.]**

**IOWA COUNTY**

The undersigned Iowa County officials have executed this Agreement pursuant to duly adopted Resolution No. 7-322 dated: March 15, 2022.

John M. Meyers

John M. Meyers, Chairman  
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Kristy K. Spurley

Kristy K. Spurley, County Clerk

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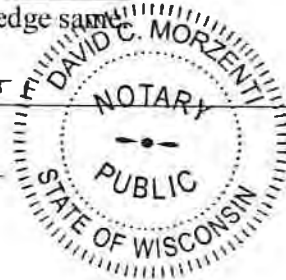
Personally came before me on March 15, 2022, the above named JOHN M. MEYERS AND KRISTY K. SPURLEY, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge same.

David C. Morzent

DAVID C. MORZENT

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My Commission expires: PERMANENT




MHTC

  
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 Authorized Signatory

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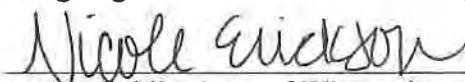
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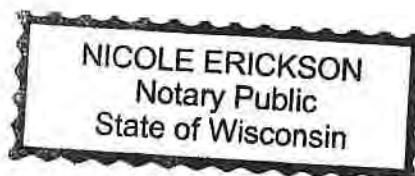
  
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COUNTY OF DANE

Personally came before me on March 16, 2022, the above named  
John Van Oyen, to me known to be the persons who executed the  
 foregoing instrument and acknowledge same.

  
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 Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
 My Commission expires: 1/21/2023



**RESOLUTION NO. 8-322****RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN  
BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT  
FOR BROADBAND PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has declared that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout Iowa County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa County, a certified Broadband Forward! Community, seeks to promote the development of high-speed broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within its boundaries and believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2022, Iowa County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MH Telecom, LLC, doing business as MHTC, establishing a public-private partnership ("PPP") to facilitate the deployment of affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service throughout Iowa County ("MOU"); and

**WHEREAS**, attached as Exhibit A is the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan, which includes Grant Applications for three separate projects ("Grant Application Projects 1, 2, and 3") that MHTC and Iowa County staff have developed to further Iowa County's goal of improving broadband access throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Applications require that PPP partners make a commitment of matching funds for their proposed broadband projects; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the MOU and in furtherance of the Grant Application Projects, MHTC, with Iowa County as its public partner, have been preparing grant applications to submit to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSCW"); and

**WHEREAS**, MHTC estimates that portion of Project 1 geographically located in Iowa County will cost \$7,972,400.00 ("Estimated Project Cost"). MHTC intends to request 75% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 1. MHTC estimates that the Estimated Project Cost for Project 2 will be \$1,220,810.00. MHTC intends to request 60% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 2. MHTC estimates that the Estimated Project Cost for Project 3 will be \$260,132.62. MHTC intends to request 50% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 3. MHTC will fund, or obtain funding through partners, consumers, and matching funding, for the remaining funding for each project not covered by the Grant Program.

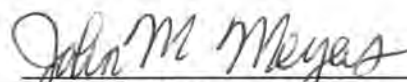
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Iowa County's commitment of matching funds to support the Grant Applications shall be realized as follows:

1. In the Grant Applications, Iowa County's share of the matching contribution will be in an amount not to exceed the following for the County:
  - a. Grant Application Project 1, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$597,930.00 towards the portion of the project geographically located within Iowa County;
  - b. Grant Application Project 2, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$146,497.00; and
  - c. Grant Application Project 3, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$38,117.00.
2. Iowa County shall pay to MHTC the amount described above within 30 days of all the following conditions being met:
  - a. MHTC is awarded a grant for the Projects from the PSCW Grant Program;
  - b. MHTC completes construction of the Projects by the end of the 2025 calendar year; and
  - c. MHTC provides to the County a statement from a person authorized by MHTC to do so that the each Project, as installed, has been successfully tested, that the Project is capable of providing speeds of up to 1 gigabyte, and the Project is available to offer service to any and all locations in the Project area.
3. Iowa County and MHTC both agree to provide and share with each other, on a timely basis, the necessary reporting information required to justify and use, or be reimbursed by, the PSCW grant funding or any other funding source.
4. Additional terms and conditions between the parties will be included in a separate Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement, to be developed and executed after the successful awarding of the PSCW grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Iowa County Administrator is hereby authorized to review, modify, and approve any further Grant Application revisions necessary to complete the Grant Applications so that they may be timely filed with the PSCW.

Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

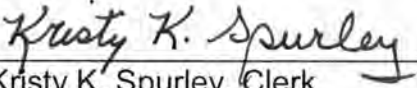
Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



John M. Meyers, Chairman  
Iowa County Board of Supervisors



Attest:

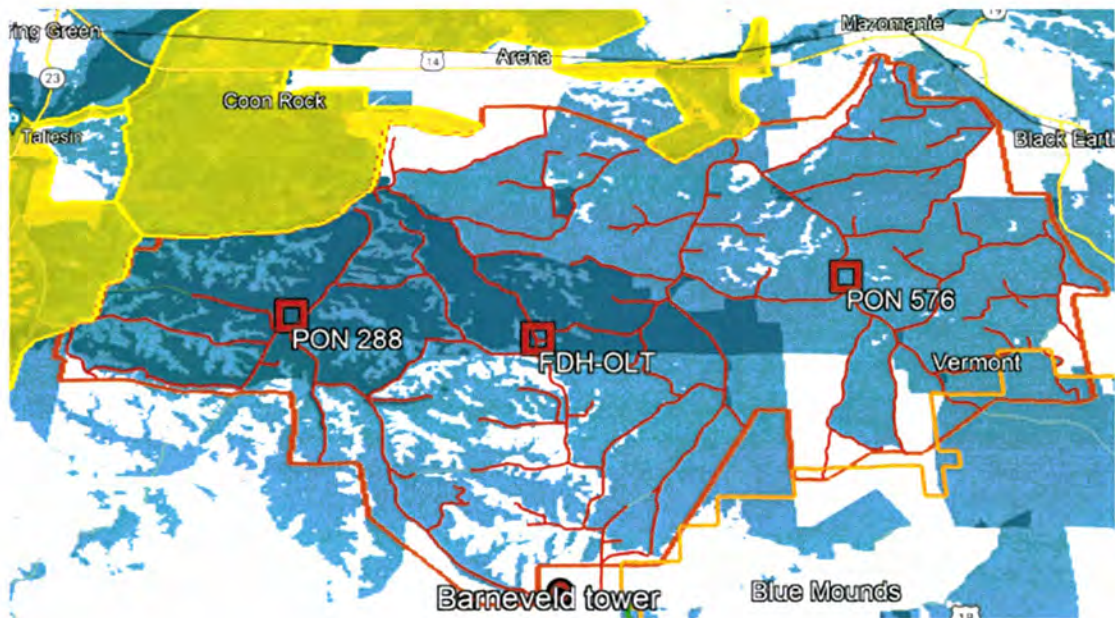
  
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Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk  
Iowa County

## Exhibit A

### Grant Application Project #1

The below map identifies unserved/underserved areas per PSC mapping:

- The dark blue shaded area is unserved territory
- The light blue shaded area is underserved territory
- The dark orange outline is the proposed grant area



## Grant Application Project #2

The map on the right identifies mainline fiber distribution for Hwy K South proposed grant area with fixed wireless towers

- The green line indicates the project mainline fiber route
- Fixed Wireless towers indicated with red circle
- You will notice that the majority of this area is considered served which MHTC is prepared to challenge



### Grant Application Project #3



The map to the left indicates mainline fiber distribution for the proposed Green Leaf Glen project.

The map below indicates the area is considered served and MHTC is prepared to challenge this





**AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR A BROADBAND EXPANSION  
GRANT UNDER WIS. STAT. § 196.504**

THIS **AGREEMENT** is made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 (“**Effective Date**”), by and between the Town of Brigham (the “Town”), and MH Telecom, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability corporation d/b/a MHTC. The Town and MHTC are collectively referred to as the “**Parties**.”

**RECITALS**

- A. The Town seeks to promote the development of broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within its boundaries to support economic development and deliver broadband to rural families for educational and telecommuting opportunities by addressing existing service disparities.
- B. The Town in association with MHTC have identified an area of concern as an unserved area.
- C. MHTC, a Telecommunications Utility certified to provide telecommunications service in the State of Wisconsin, proposes to expand its broadband system to make broadband service (up to 1000 Mbps) available to all current and future businesses and residents in the area identified on the attached map (the “**Project**”).
- D. The Town finds the Project to be in the public interest of certain residents and businesses with the Town of Brigham.
- E. The Parties intend that MHTC, with the Town as its public partner, apply to the State of Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fiscal Year 2022 (“**Grant Program**”) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.504 to obtain a grant to be used to pay for part of the cost of constructing the Project.

**AGREEMENT**

THE PARTIES agree as follows:

- 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Project is to provide broadband service to a defined area that the Town of Brigham and the MHTC share as a common interest to provide businesses and rural residents quality broadband service. Under this Agreement, the Parties agree to work together so that MHTC can apply to the Grant Program to obtain funds to be applied toward the construction of the Project. The Town agrees that, as MHTC’s public partner, it will waive any fees related to the project and cooperate with MHTC in the preparation of MHTC’s application to the Grant Program.
- 2. **Project. Exhibit A** is a map showing the Project area where MHTC fiber facilities are to be installed. The Project will extend MHTC’s existing broadband backbone so that Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) service (with speeds of up to 1000 Mbps) can be extended to current and future businesses and rural residents in the Project area. The Project area is within a Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Eligible Area.
- 3. **Project Funding.** MHTC estimates that the Town of Brigham North Project will cost \$7,972,400 (“**Estimated Project Cost**”). MHTC shall request 75% of the Estimated Project Cost (i.e., \$5,979,300) in its application to the Grant Program. The Town agrees to provide \$85,844.35 toward the cost of the





project. MHTC agrees to be responsible for the cost of the Project that exceeds the contributed funds from all Parties.

4. **Payment to MHTC.** The Town shall pay to MHTC the amount for which it is responsible under Paragraph 3 within 30 days after all the following conditions are met:
  - a. MHTC is awarded a grant for the Project from the Grant Program.
  - b. MHTC completes construction of the Project during the 2022 and/or 2023 calendar year.
  - c. MHTC provides to the Town a statement from a person authorized by MHTC to do so that the Project, as installed, has been successfully tested, that the Project is capable of providing speeds of up to 1000 Mbps, and that the Project is available to offer service to any and all locations in the Project area.
5. **Project Ownership.** At all times, MHTC shall have sole ownership of the Project and shall be solely responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project.
6. **Project Duration.** The project period for awarded grants will begin on the date of the Public Service Commission's (written) Order, subject to any objections, and end after 24-months or in accordance with the grant Agreement.
7. **Liability.** MHTC shall have sole liability for the Project and any and all claims, obligations, liability, costs, demands, damages, expenses, fines, penalties, or causes of action ("**Claims**") that may arise from the Project and its construction, operation, or maintenance. MHTC and its successors shall indemnify and hold the Town and its officials, employees, and agents harmless from any and all Claims, including the costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise out of the ownership, construction, maintenance, or operation of the Project regardless of any fault on the part of the Town, its officials, employees, or agents.
8. **Authorization.** Each Party represents and warrants that it has the authority to execute this Agreement.
9. **Records.** MHTC will maintain and be the custodian of all records associated with the administration and performance of this Agreement and will make those records available to the Town upon request. MHTC shall provide the Town with a copy of its application to the Grant Program at the same time the application is submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.
10. **Reporting.** MHTC shall keep the Town informed of the progress of the project.
11. **Termination.** This Agreement shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall terminate upon completion of the Project. In the event that MHTC's grant application is unsuccessful, and it receives no money from the Grant Program, the Agreement shall immediately terminate. If the Project is not funded as requested, MHTC has the right to refuse the Grant offer and the Agreement will be terminated. If MHTC determines in its sole discretion that the proposed Grant Agreement between MHTC and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is not acceptable, MHTC has the right to refuse the Grant offer and the Agreement will be terminated.



12. **Amendments.** Any amendments to this Agreement must be in writing and executed and delivered by the Town and MHTC.
13. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including its recitals and exhibits, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no representations or understandings of any kind not stated in this Agreement.
14. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin without regard to its conflict of law's provisions.
15. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

TOWN OF BRIGHAM  
IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By:   
Jason Carden, Town Chairperson

Date: March 15, 2022

By:   
Megan Mieden, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 3/15/2022

MH TELECOM, LLC dba MHTC

By:   
John Van Ooyen, CEO/GM

Date: 3-16-2022



## EXHIBIT A PROJECT MAP

- Orange shaded area indicates where the Project fiber will be installed

